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IT IS generally accepted that Easter can make or break a football club.

Championship titles have been virtually clinched over a holiday period when most clubs are involved in three matches. Six points out of six can make a dream come true. No points can spell disaster.

It's not going to be much different this season. In fact with only four Saturdays of League football remaining after Easter we could be very close to reaching conclusions by the time the bonnets have been put away for another year.

Admittedly it's so tight in certain areas, for example the top of the Second Division, and the bottom of the Third, that there are bound to be some issues that won't be resolved until probably the last kick of the season, but in other areas we can expect early enlightenment.

At the top of the First Division Liverpool can put us all out of our misery, by virtually making reality of the suspicion we've had all season that they're about to scoop the title yet again.

Having entertained Stoke City on the first day of the month, and presumably picked up something for their efforts, The Reds have an

repeat of events of the past couple of years when they haven't lost to the London club.

Bob Hatton scored in both victories last season, 3-0 at Kenilworth Road and 2-1 at The Valley, and just about everyone scored for Luton the previous year when Athletic were walloped 7-1 in only the third game of the season. Actually that's not quite true because Jimmy Husband helped himself to four of those goals . . . and hardly scored again.

The last time Charlton beat Luton incidentally was in the 1976-7 season — by another ridiculous score of 4-3.

Hat-trick

Derek Hales turned somersaults that day to get a hat-trick against his old club.

At the wrong end of the Division on Good Friday Bristol Rovers will be seeking to save their own skins by sending Fulham further towards the Third Division, while Burnley could be losing a further foothold if they lose at Wrexham.

Happier clubs who could be replacing them include Grimsby, Sheffield United and Blackburn — all playing on Good Friday.

Of the trio Blackburn have the best chance of picking up points at



EASTER

outstanding chance to put the cork in the bottle when they travel to Old Trafford just four days later.

A victory over their only really serious rivals for the past six months would qualify as a genuine "four-pointer" and set Liverpool up nicely for their double tilt, with the visit to Hillsborough a week later in the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup against Arsenal.

It looks as if the double really is on for Anfield this time, and even if they fail to take the points from Manchester United, there's a gilt-edged chance for Liverpool to edge further away from the field when they meet Derby County in a home fixture on Easter Tuesday.

United are away to Bolton the previous day, and must really beat Liverpool and Bolton to keep the race alive.

There are no First Division matches on Good Friday this year, but there's an interesting one in the Second with Charlton Athletic at home to Luton Town.

They can't fill the Valley these days — more's the pity with a capacity like that — but there should be a good crowd for a match that means everything to both contestants.

Charlton need the points to have a hope of retaining their present status, Luton want them just as badly to improve theirs.

The Hatters have had fun and games in matches with Charlton in recent years, and they'll settle for a

SUCCESS OR FAILURE TIME FOR CLUBS

home to Hull City. Grimsby will find Carlisle are no pushovers, while Sheffield United will have to regain early season sparkle to get much change out of Southend, who've improved considerably of late.

It's sad to think that once famous Blackpool have to beat Barnsley if they are not to start thinking about life in the Fourth Division.

Of the four games being played in that Division the most meaningful will be Bradford City's trip to Hartlepool. Promotion beckons for the Yorkshire club and this is the sort of match they have to win . . . but where it's so easy to fail.

There's an absolutely cracking

programme of matches on Easter Saturday.

Whoever computed the teams and came up with this little permutation at the start of the season ought to be given the Freedom of Lytham.

Apart from the United-Liverpool confrontation (what a great piece of crystal ball-gazing that was) we have outstanding matches in all four Divisions.

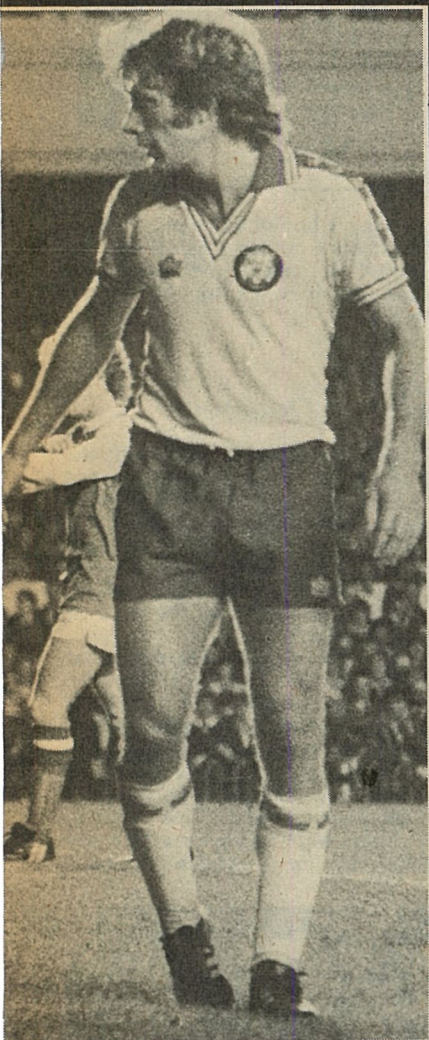
Predictably there are a stack of derby matches, to avoid folk travelling too far on their Easter eggs, and the turnstiles should be clicking merrily all over the country.

In London there's Arsenal against Southampton, both in the top half-dozen and looking

Arsenal's Frank Stapleton (left) will be hoping to boost his side's challenge for Europe with an Easter victory at Spurs.

Bristol Rovers and Fulham will meet in a Second Division relegation battle at Eastville on Good Friday.





West Ham v Orient (left) and Sheffield United v Sheffield Wednesday (below) will be just two of many crucial derby games to attract the fans over Easter.

towards Europe, and there's The Eagles of Crystal Palace stretching their claws for battle with The Seagulls of Brighton.

In the Midlands Aston Villa will be keen to test their new-found nerve against the battle-hardened men of the Forest, while Wolves and Tottenham resume a dispute which has seen so many stirring duels in recent years.

Ipswich and Norwich have their traditional East Anglian squabble and Everton and Bolton will be scratching each others' eyes out — with First Division survival at stake.

There's plenty to make the mouth water there, but nothing

more palatable in the whole of the 44-match programme than Wearside's wonderful War between Sunderland and Newcastle. If both are still making the running for promotion when they meet headlong at Roker on April 5th, be prepared for sparks to fly.

And there'll be no holding back at Loftus Road either, where Q.P.R. and Birmingham are likely to need the points just as desperately.

That you might think is that — but what about Leicester City against Chelsea, just two more of the eight clubs in with a shout? The others are West Ham, who've already put Orient out of the Cup

Grimsby winger Mike Brolly (left) aims to shoot his side closer towards the Second Division.

own claims to be sharpest in the steel city.

Also on the bill that day Exeter City and Swindon Town who have chances of promotion, meet at St James' Park, and at the bottom Bury against Rotherham and Hull City against Blackpool — will anyone want points more keenly than Mike Smith and Alan Ball?

The Fourth Division pace-makers have steered clear of one another, apart from Wigan and Peterborough maybe — though both are on the fringe — but Huddersfield will have a huge support for the local scrap with Halifax, while Bradford City will be looking for their fourth victory of the season over Darlington, having knocked them out of both Cup competitions.

Superb

And so the show rolls on to Easter Monday, with again some superb matches for fans and players alike.

The pick of the First Division arguments is at White Hart Lane, where those great North London rivals Tottenham and Arsenal meet with the home side particularly keen to erase the memory of last year's corresponding 5-0 whitewash.

Two more tremendous tussles in the Second Division though with Birmingham and West Ham at one another's throats at St Andrews and Chelsea out to get a boost over Luton at Stamford Bridge.



and scored four times without reply at Brisbane Road, and now going for a hat-trick at Upton Park, and Luton who won't get any favours from Watford.

No doubt about the match of the day in the Third Division. When Sheffield Wednesday sent their fans away delirious by whipping neighbours United 4-0 on Boxing Day morning, they may have forgotten they had still to go to Bramall Lane.

The Blades will be out for revenge — that's for sure — on Easter Saturday, and another 40,000 plus crowd is anticipated for Bramall Lane.

This time it's Wednesday who've climbed above the old enemy, so United will be more anxious than ever to pursue their

Not far behind those matches are Wrexham against Sunderland, and that private little battle of the Welsh, Cardiff and Swansea.

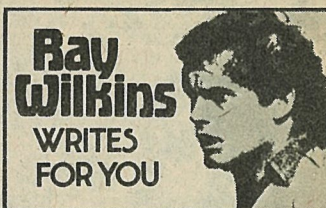
Sheffield United having had 48 hours to get over the derby, are faced with a stiff trek across the Pennines to Blackburn in the Third Division's top match, and there are derby games this time at Grimsby, Plymouth, Rotherham, Swindon, Aldershot and Hereford.

The Easter roadshow finally comes to a close on Easter Tuesday, with the most crucial games being Charlton against Fulham and Orient against Q.P.R. in the Second Division, Brentford against Bury in the Third and Peterborough against Newport in the Fourth.

Have a Good Easter!



"United lost 2-0 to Liverpool at Anfield over Christmas. We must beat them at Old Trafford on April 5 to keep our Championship hopes alive."



Tony is one of those players who probably isn't appreciated until he isn't there; only then do you realise how much he contributed to the team.

Doomed

Bolton, our last Easter opponents, may be doomed, but they're not going down without a fight. They've taken two points off Liverpool this season, which few other sides have done, and recently they beat Forest and Tottenham and had that incredible 4-4 draw in the mud at West Brom.

Wanderers made it hard for us at Old Trafford at the end of February. It was a real battle for us and a bit of needle crept into the game, which we eventually won 2-0. The highlight was the fabulous solo goal from Steve Coppell who ran over half the length of the field to score.

There will be a big crowd at Burnenden Park for the match and what-

'LIVERPOOL DEFY

UNLESS Manchester United are within striking distance of Liverpool by the end of the Easter period, the Championship trophy will be as good as in the Anfield board room. Of course, we shan't give up until mathematically the title is settled, but realistically we know that if Liverpool have, say, a three or four point lead with six matches to go, they're home and dry.

You can't apply soccer logic to the Merseysiders. All the other 91 teams in the League hit bad patches — not Liverpool. You keep waiting for them to slip up — they don't. It's embarrassing to think that last autumn SHOOT ran an article wondering if Liverpool's bubble had burst.

When you think you've had a great result, like winning 3-0 at home, you go to the dressing room to hear Liverpool have won 3-0 AWAY. And when you've lost, you know as sure as eggs are eggs that Liverpool have taken advantage of this and have won.

Liverpool's consistency is amazing . . . incredible. I can't remember the last time they finished out of the top three, and they've been playing in Europe for as long as I've played football!

To say we must beat them at Old Trafford on April 5th is an understatement. It's the only way we can guarantee Liverpool don't get any

points! We lost 2-0 at Anfield over Christmas and in the first-half, the only time we had the ball was when Gary Bailey took goal-kicks.

I'd say the current Liverpool side is their best-ever. I could sing the praises of all their players, but their secret, if that's the right word, is simply that they're consistent.

I remember a few seasons ago we at Chelsea beat Liverpool in the F.A. Cup. Such a setback would affect any other side — the next week Liverpool won 4-0 away!

Drastic

If nothing drastic happens — and it never does to Liverpool — they must stand a great chance of winning the Double, which, surprisingly, has eluded them so far.

I tipped them to lose to Spurs in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup, which proves how foolish it is to ever go against The Reds. Mind you, what a goal it was that won the tie. It's easy to blame Ardiles for giving the ball away, but nobody could have expected such a shot from Terry McDermott.

United must take maximum points from our Easter games: away to Forest, home to Liverpool and away to Bolton. We've got to put pressure on Bob Paisley's team.

The first half of the season went well for us and we were the only club to mount any sort of challenge

to Liverpool. We led the table for quite a while, but before we knew it Liverpool were on top and they've stayed there ever since.

At the end of the season we may look back at two matches as being crucial and it's embarrassing to say I missed both through injury, not that I'm suggesting my presence

would have made any difference. I refer to the 1-0 home defeat by Wolves, our first home League defeat of the season, and the 6-0 drubbing at Ipswich.

Games like that affect your confidence, especially when you concede six. You lose your way a bit, although in fairness we have still picked up points consistently.

The problem is, when you're battling against Liverpool it isn't enough to win at home and draw away. We got a creditable point at Brighton, yet Liverpool won 3-1 at Bristol City.

By the time you read this, we may have played Forest. They haven't found the sparkle of last season and I believe the departure of Tony Woodcock has had a lot to do with this. It's more than a coincidence that since Tony left for Cologne Garry Birtles has hardly scored.



"United could be playing Chelsea in the First Division next season."



LOGIC'



"Losing 6-0 at Ipswich has affected our confidence."

ever Bolton's fate might be, Manchester United's scalp is still a treasured one.

From a personal viewpoint, the season has been most enjoyable. I'm a far more confident player now and, I think, I use the ball to better effect. My last two seasons at Chelsea were spent fighting relegation and in a nervous team it's difficult to express yourself.

I'm glad to say it's looking like I could be playing against Chelsea next season — in the First Division. Certainly I hope so.

The Second Division promotion race is so tight anything can happen. None of the contenders seem to be able to put any sort of run together and every week has seen one shock result.

Chelsea were going well, then they lost 5-1 at Birmingham; then Luton lost at home to Cardiff; it's going to be a nail-biting end to Division Two, that's for sure, with goal-difference, possibly, being decisive.

See you in a fortnight,

Raymond

PUZZLE TIME

WINGERS WANTED

These England and Scottish League sides are OK in the centre, but need help from the wings to build their teams. Can you supply the missing letters?

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INITIALS

Name the two soccer teams whose initials have been merged into these quintets and arranged alphabetically. As a guide the first pair have been identified for you.

1	APQRV	Queens Park Rangers, Aston Villa
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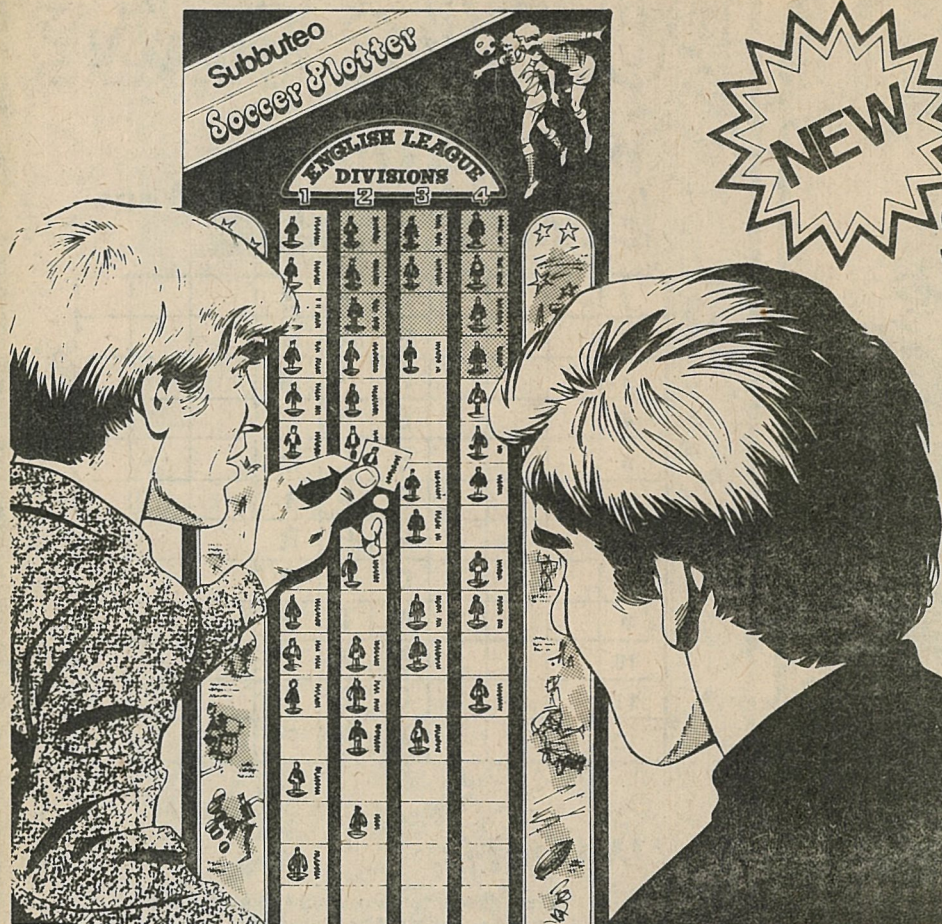
Solve the simple "down" clues and rows 1 and 9 across will spell out the names of two teams.

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- 7 Gems
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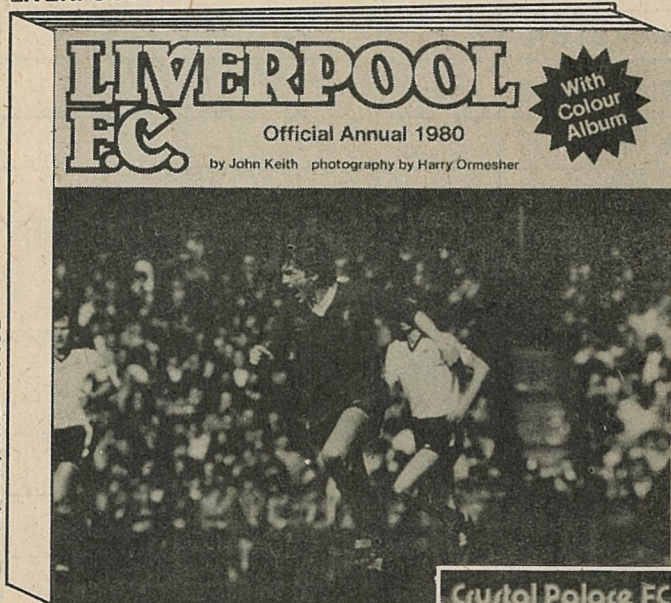
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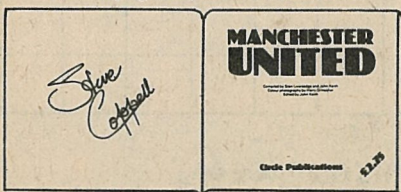
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JOHN Lyall would be the last one to claim any credit for the success West Ham have enjoyed this season.

It is not in the man's nature to go seeking publicity, or hog the headlines.

He gets on with the job of managing The Hammers in a quiet, dignified way and piles the praise on his players for all that is happening at Upton Park these days.

Yet anyone who underestimates the part Lyall has played in the transformation of West Ham would be making a big mistake.

Since taking over from Ron Greenwood five years ago he has turned the team inside out and there are now only three survivors — Billy Bonds, Trevor Brooking and Frank Lampard — from the squad that won the F.A. Cup by beating Fulham 2-0 in 1975.

He has built almost a new team in the past 15 months, introducing Phil Parkes, Ray Stewart, Stuart Pearson and Jimmy Neighbour at a cost of around £1,300,000.

And youngsters like Alvin Martin, Alan Devonshire, Paul Brush and Paul Allen have made astonishing progress through the juniors and reserves to claim regular places in the side.

They have blended into one of the most formidable teams West Ham have had for years — reaching the Quarter-Finals of the League Cup, the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup and looking strong favourites to return to the First Division they were relegated from two years ago.

Lyall has kept all the qualities West Ham have been noted for over the years. But he has added something seldom seen there before — a steady streak.

Physical

West Ham can no longer be regarded as a 'soft touch' or a pushover for the more physical sides.

They are now equipped to battle it out with anyone when the occasion demands it — yet still play football of a quality few of their rivals can match.

Lyall explains his philosophy on the game simply when he says: "You get nothing in life without working hard and competing. Everybody who goes to work each day is competing in his own way — so I expect my footballers to do the same."

John knows what he wants — and has a habit of getting it. A nice guy he may be — but he can turn nasty. And when he does the players run for cover!

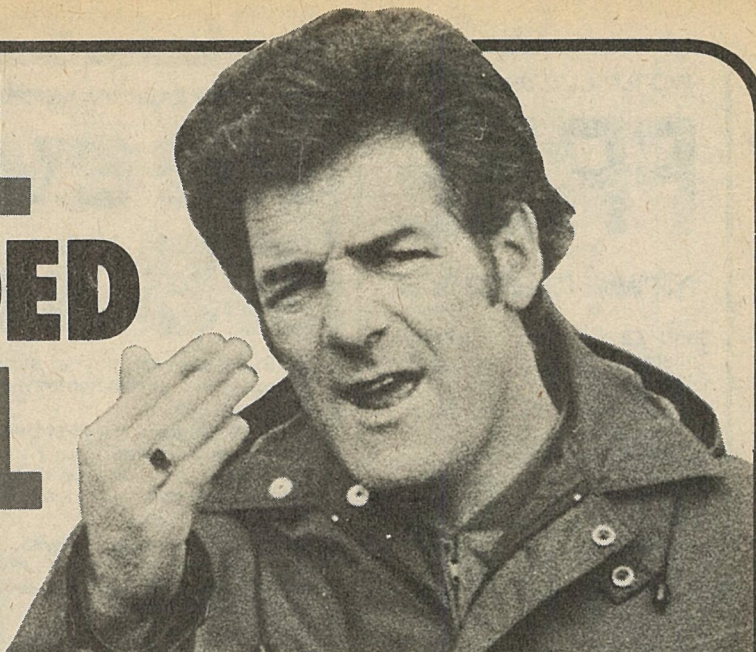
He lays the law down only when it's necessary and has the respect of everyone at the club for the way he is doing the job.

West Ham United has been Lyall's life and he — more than anyone — deserves all the success that comes their way.

Born in Ilford 40 years ago, John joined West Ham straight from grammar school.

His parents were keen for him to get some qualifications behind him. So he worked part-time in the

LYALL HAS ADDED STEEL TO THE HAMMERS



Ray Stewart is mobbed after his F.A. Cup penalty against Villa.

club offices and went to day-release college on a secretarial course.

By the time he was 18 the coaching bug had bitten him. He was looking after a local team in Ilford — a move that was to hold him in good stead in view of the cruel blow that was to come.

He was plagued by knee trouble from the age of 18 and battled

against it for five years before resigning himself to the fact he would have to quit playing.

The year he gave up — after just 30 first team games — West Ham went on to win the F.A. Cup in 1964.

The club had looked after John during his long fight against injury. And they continued to following his retirement from playing.

They gave him a job back in the office, as wages clerk. He combined this with helping out with the juniors two evenings a week, as well as on Saturdays, and coaching work in the local schools.

"I was dashing about all over the place and it meant really long days for me," Lyall recalls.

But it all proved worthwhile when Ron Greenwood invited him to join the coaching staff full-time.

He became assistant-manager in 1969 — and took complete charge when Greenwood moved 'upstairs' in 1974.

Not surprisingly Greenwood has been a major influence on Lyall. He is, after all, one of the world's greatest coaches, and it would be surprising if some of his expertise had failed to rub off on his successor.

"Nobody could have given me more help than Ron. If ever I had any problems to sort out or questions I wanted answering, Ron was always available and always had time for me," explains Lyall.

"Many's the time we have sat outside the ground until three or four o'clock in the morning talking football.

Revelation

"We also had former Tottenham boss Bill Nicholson here for a time and it was a revelation watching him work.

"The same applies to Eddie Bailly and Ernie Gregory, who are here now. I have learned a lot from all these people and consider myself lucky to have worked with them."

Lyall — who has graduated with honours from West Ham's famous academy of football — has looked, listened and learned to emerge as one of the brightest young managers in the business.

His new look team are on the way back to the top. But when they get there Lyall won't consider his job done — it will only just be starting.

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Reeves costs £83 a minute

KEVIN Reeves' playing services are costing Manchester City £83 a minute!

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Put another way, Reeves, capped only once by England, repays City's belief in his striking abilities at £1.38p per second.

The figures should serve as a warning to other clubs tempted to plunge vast sums of money on players.

Assuming Reeves does not miss a single League game during his four-year contract period, he will cost just under £7,500 per League game.

Steve Daley, relegated to City's reserves by Malcolm Allison last month, costs the club less than Reeves. He was given an eight year contract after signing from Wolves for £1½ million.

Football officials expressed their alarm at the spiralling transfer fees at the Professional Footballers Association's seventh annual awards dinner in London on March 16.

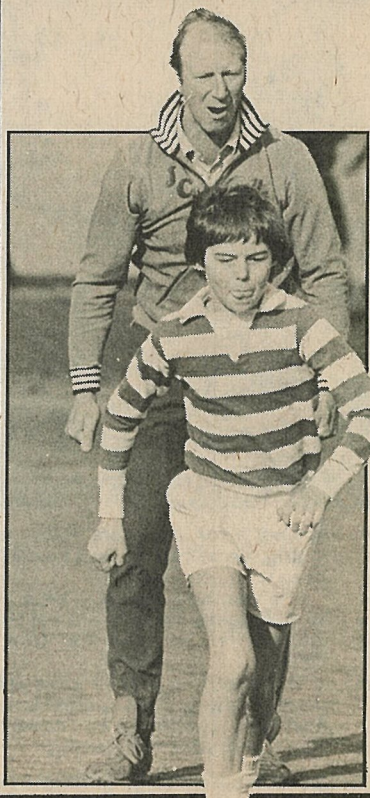


Bob advances

ORIENT manager Jimmy Bloomfield thinks Bobby Fisher is playing well in midfield because he learned how to 'read' a game from behind the defence.

"Bobby has vision now and sees things early," says Bloomfield.

Fisher was moved into midfield after playing as sweeper.



...Smith gets 'em cheap

BARGAINS are hard to come by in top-level football these days — but Birmingham boss Jim Smith believes he pulled off a real coup by snapping up goalkeeper Jeff Wealands.

Smith paid £30,000 to Hull for six-footer Jeff last close season.

At the time, a few eyebrows were raised around St Andrews, for 28-year-old Jeff had spent his career in the lower Divisions with Darlington, Northampton and Hull after failing to make the grade with Wolves.

But Jeff has answered his critics in style this season with a string of outstanding performances which have played a major part in Birmingham's push for promotion.

"Jeff has been a brilliant performer and has proved to be a first-class buy — especially for that money," says Smith.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY manager Jack Charlton views that the only way to ensure that this country continues to produce footballing talent is to...

'CATCH 'EM YOUNG'

Now thanks to sports council financial aid Jack is able to produce his preaching in Sheffield.

Wednesday received a grant from the sports council to improve training ground facilities including the building of a new pavilion.

The facilities are open to the public at night and at the weekends, and the club has started two coaching courses on Sunday mornings for under-13's under the guidance of Jack and his backroom staff. Now that the facilities are open to the public Jack says: "We want to encourage as many kids as possible to come along and make use of the training ground. I love coaching kids, and several of my players are keen to come along on Sundays and help out."

The club has started off with under-13's but hope to extend the age groups later on, and the scheme has got off to a successful start with over 50 youngsters turning up for the first course and double that for the second course which began in March.



Shooting stars



GLENN HODDLE and Terry McDermott are proving that English players can finish as spectacularly as the best foreign players.

Hardly a week goes by without the television cameras recording at least one classic goal.

Southampton's manager Lawrie McMenemy says England should be grateful for having such high-scoring midfield players.

Hoddle, of Tottenham, has scored more than 20 goals — almost half of them from outside the penalty-area — and McDermott, the PFA's "Player of the Year", had contributed 15 by mid-March.

Referring to McDermott's goal for

Tosh might quit

SWANSEA CITY player-manager John Toshack will decide this summer whether to give up playing and concentrate entirely on management.

But first Tosh wants to enjoy a long holiday in the sun. He says, "I haven't had a free moment for two years and the pressure of both playing and managing is enormous. Even so, I am still thoroughly enjoying every minute at The Vetch."

Irving's agony

FORMER England Under-23 international Irving Natrass has been written off this season despite Middlesbrough's success.

Natrass, who joined the club from Newcastle United for a record club fee of £375,000 last summer, has suffered injury setbacks. He had not made a dozen appearances for his new club by mid-March.

Natrass could be ruled out for the rest of the campaign — after a training injury.

Explaining his latest mishap, he said: "A young player caught me on the same spot where I suffered a cracked fibula before Christmas. I did not think it was serious at the time, but my leg went into plaster again after X-rays.

"Nothing has gone right for me this season. I have never known such a run of bad luck. I had just settled into the side, hoping to boost the club's European drive, when I was hurt again."

FORMER Ards, Glenavon and Irish Amateur international defender Jackie Cummings is quite a versatile character.

Apart from being an accomplished soccer coach, articulate Jackie is also a match-day reporter on Radio Ulster and manager of the Northern Ireland Youth international side.

WHAT do Bob Latchford (Everton), Andy Rollings (Brighton), Ray Lugg (Bury), David Davies (Crewe) and Terry Brisley (Portsmouth) have in common?

All have been sent off while playing against their former clubs in the past three seasons.

TALENTED Larne defender-cum-midfielder Martin Donaghy is attracting considerable cross-channel interest and could soon be on his way to the Football League scene.



Liverpool against Tottenham at White Hart Lane, McMenemy said: "You will have seen that his head was down, like a golfer's and his arms were coming up to give balance as his leg came across the ball.

"It reminded me of a famous picture of Jackie Milburn, the former Newcastle and England striker. No one struck a ball better in his heyday.

"Hoddle and McDermott are like billiard players in the way they connect with different parts of the ball to make it swerve and spin."

If McMenemy draws attention to classic televised goals, it makes one wonder what gems are delivered at other matches.

NORWICH City first team stars Kevin Bond and John Ryan have passed their advanced driving tests.

HIBS manager Eddie Turnbull had a hectic spell in beating the transfer deadline. He signed Lawrence Tierney, who had been freed by Hearts, then Bobby Torrance, from St Mirren for £30,000. The ink was hardly dry before Hibs sold big Tony Higgins to Partick Thistle for £25,000.

Charitable Smith



A SHOW business charity organisation is £200 better off as a result of Swindon Town manager Bob Smith being named Bell's Division Three Manager of the Month.

When Mr. Smith was given a gallon of Bell's Whisky to commemorate the award, he immediately put it up for auction, with the money raised to go to the Grand Order of Water Rats.

Bob Smith is seen here exchanging his bottle, signed by all his players, for a giant-sized cheque for £200, presented by Maggie Surman, wife of the managing director of the highest bidders, Saks, a Swindon discotheque.

He will be passing on the cheque to a representative of the Water Rats, hopefully King Rat Henry Cooper, at a "Tribute To Town" Night being held at Saks on April 9 to mark Swindon Town's achievements in this season's League and F.A. Cup competitions.

There is more money to come for the Water Rats. When Saks have emptied Bob's bottle, they will invite their customers to fill it with coins, thereby possibly doubling the amount already raised for this worthy cause.

EXILED Scots living in California are helping to raise cash to rebuild Hampden Park. Members of the Caledonian Club of San Francisco and the city's Scots Soccer Club wrote to the Hampden Lottery Office in Glasgow recently asking for tickets to sell throughout California.

Crooner Keegan

ENGLAND soccer star Kevin Keegan is making a gallant bid to save his ailing singing career.

The 28-year-old Southampton player has recorded his third '45' in an attempt to be 'top of the Pops.'

His previous records, 'Head Over Heels In Love' and 'It Ain't Easy', have both failed to make the top 30, but Kevin is sure his latest single 'England', will be a chart-buster.

Kev's brother, Mike, told me: "Head Over Heels In Love got to number 31 in the charts and Kev was all set for a 'Top of the Pops' appearance only to be told that he had to make the top 30 before he could be on the programme.

"The record 'It Ain't Easy' was big in Liverpool but didn't do much anywhere else."

Are there any plans for an LP? "I don't think so," said Mike. "He's only in it for the fun. And besides, he plays football better than he sings!"

There's brotherly love for you!

THIRD Division Reading are keen on talented Portadown duo Jim Smyth and Jim Cleary, both ex-Irish Youth internationals and two of the brightest prospects in the Emerald Isle game.

Briefly...

● Chelsea's Ron Harris has been awarded a second testimonial. The match will be played on April 21st at Stamford Bridge between an Old Chelsea XI and the present side. Past Blues' favourites appearing will include Peter Bonetti, Ray Wilkins, Alan Hudson and Bobby Tambling.

● Many of today's top managers were prolific goalscorers. Brian Clough (Forest), Ron Saunders (Villa), Geoff Hurst (Chelsea) and Allan Clarke (Barnsley) all scored more than 200 League goals.

● Celtic have had four players dismissed in the past ten months, yet they have

won three and drawn the other game. They have come from behind to win with ten men, which says much for the Parkhead club's character, if not their behaviour!

● Jonathan Rush, an 18-year-old goalkeeper with Blackpool, likes watching other 'keepers.

He used to watch Manchester City's Joe Corrigan at every opportunity.

Rush, born in Wellington, New Zealand, played for Huddersfield Youth in season 1977-78, but is now keen to make his mark at Bloomfield Road.

● After two broken legs in less than 12 months Luton's Lil Fuccillo is hoping to make a comeback next season. Said Lil: "I know it is going to be tough but I aim to

make sure the boss has no way of avoiding me." Lil throw away his crutches after Christmas and is in light training.

● Bobby Moncur, Hearts new manager, turned to England for his first signing after joining the Edinburgh Club. He paid £15,000 to Oxford United for their Scots winger Archie White.

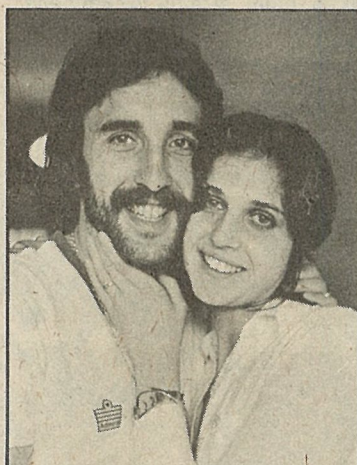
● Bobby Lennox, the Celtic veteran, received a special award at the Lorimer's Breweries annual Scottish Sports of the Year dinner.

● Celtic's Davie Provan was awarded the £100 prize as man of the match when they beat Raith Rovers in the Scottish Cup. But one fan of the Fife club thought the award should have gone to Raith 'keeper Murray McDermott... so he sent £100 to McDermott.

LUTON Town's lotteries are a booming business. Their commercial manager Mike Hardwick recently reported that the organisation had sold 100,000 tickets in a single week for the first time. He said: "At the end of this financial year we will have donated £200,000 to the football club — an increase of £125,000 on the previous year.

"The year before that we donated only £45,000 and the two previous seasons yielded a total of only £46,000. We are proud of the fact that our pools organisation is already in Division One and we are the envy of the majority of League clubs.

"Luton Town's turnover on lotteries now exceeds £1 million per year."



Villa Mk.III

CRISTINA Villa, wife of Spurs' bearded Argentine, Ricky, is expecting their first child this month.

It will bring extra happiness to the couple whose life in their Turnford home has been ever-interesting since their arrival in England in 1978, following the Argentine World Cup.

Bristol's award winning programme

BRISTOL City Football Club's match day magazine — The Robin — has swept the board in this year's National Programme Awards, organised by the British Programme Collectors Club.

The Robin came top in all five Sections of the Awards:

Most Improved Programme Award;
Most Attractive Cover;
Best Value For Money Award;
Best In The First Division Award;
Best In The Football League Award.

This is the first time ever that Bristol City's Match Day publication has been honoured with a Programme Award and never in the 15 years history of the B.P.C.C., has one Club won all sections outright.

A trophy will be presented to Bristol City Football Club for this achievement by the British Programme Collectors Club. The present holders are Ipswich Town F.C.

IPSWICH Town have been given a slap-up lunch by the Mayor at the ratpayers expense. They were wine and dined at a lunch in the Town Hall, and a few days later the whole team were invited to an evening reception.

MOST folk in football know that two of the young players to have made a name for themselves at Everton this season, had previous experience with Plymouth Argyle — goalkeeper Martin Hodge and midfielder Gary Megson. But few people will realise that The Toffees have another ex-Argyle man on their books. Eamonn O'Keefe, who was signed before the start of this season from non-League Mossley, joined Argyle from Stalybridge Celtic in 1974, but stayed only a short while before returning to the semi-professional ranks.

YOUNG Birmingham City full-back Mark Dennis won't be sorry if he never repeats a feat he achieved last season. He became the youngest player to be sent off twice in a season, and by a curious coincidence each dismissal occurred against Wolves, the first on Boxing Day, the second in April.

SLOW DOWN!

That's Dennis Tueart's message to the City youngsters



DENNIS Tueart's return to Manchester City has probably meant more to the fans than any of the big money signings that have arrived at Maine Road this season.

Tueart cost a cut price £150,000 when he returned home from the Cosmos. But he's a symbol of City's last successful team.

In 1977-78, his final season before leaving for America, City finished fourth in Division One. The season before they'd finished just a point behind Champions Liverpool with Tueart scoring 18 goals.

Now the former England winger is entrusted with the task of reviving Malcolm Allison's struggling side.

Says Tueart: "I'm very pleased with the way I've settled back into

English football after so long. Also, I hadn't played for some months before making my debut this time and I thought I would have tired before the end.

"I wasn't even sure what reaction I was going to get from the fans in my first match against Norwich.

"Twice, I'd had to postpone my first game because of injury and I thought they might have been a bit fed up. But they were really great to me."

Tueart sees his task at Maine Road as not just one of playing well, but also of bringing along the young players in Allison's rebuilt side.

"The problem with young players is that they want to do everything at 100 miles an hour. They

have to learn that there is a time to do things quickly and a time when you have to slow things down.

"Otherwise, all that energy is being wasted. When I was at Sunderland with a young team we all rushed around all the time.

"It was great until we got in the box. Then, we were trying to play the final pass at high speed, too, and it wasn't on.

"For the past four years, I've been playing with experienced players who know when to vary the pace.

"With them, you know that if you give them the ball and go off on a run, you're going to get the ball back. You know, too, that it will arrive where you expect it.

'Difficult'

"So it's difficult for me to come into a young side at City who are not experienced enough to read the game in that way.

"I have found myself running into space and then seeing another player in our side head for the same spot. It's very frustrating.

"The players have got to learn to work more for each other and learn about each other's play. There is the ability here if they can do that."

Tueart is more than happy to act as teacher, providing the City youngsters are willing to listen.

He will obviously be hoping that Polish star Kaziu Deyna can become a regular member of the Maine Road first team again.

"When he came on as substitute in my first game you could see his experience straight away. He was on the same wavelength."

Tueart realises that there are a lot of promising young players at City but he says: "Potential is only useful when it's realised.

"You can talk about potential until you're blue in the face. But it doesn't mean anything until it's proved.

"Obviously I'm hopeful about the future or I wouldn't have come back to City. I'll be glad when we put this season behind us and start afresh next term."



Tony Henry (centre) and Mick Robinson (right) are two young players at Manchester City who are likely to benefit from Dennis Tueart's return to the club from America.

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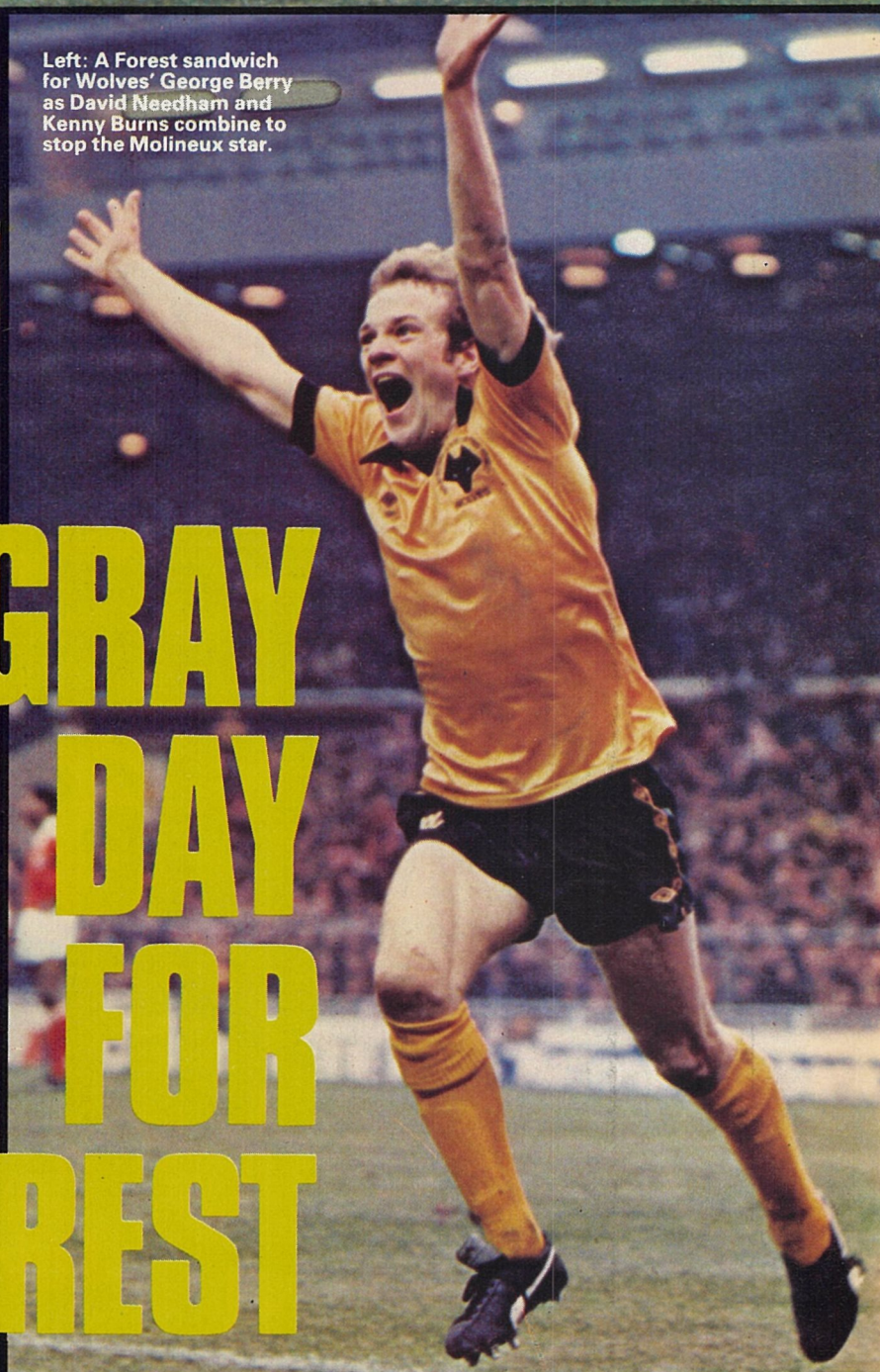
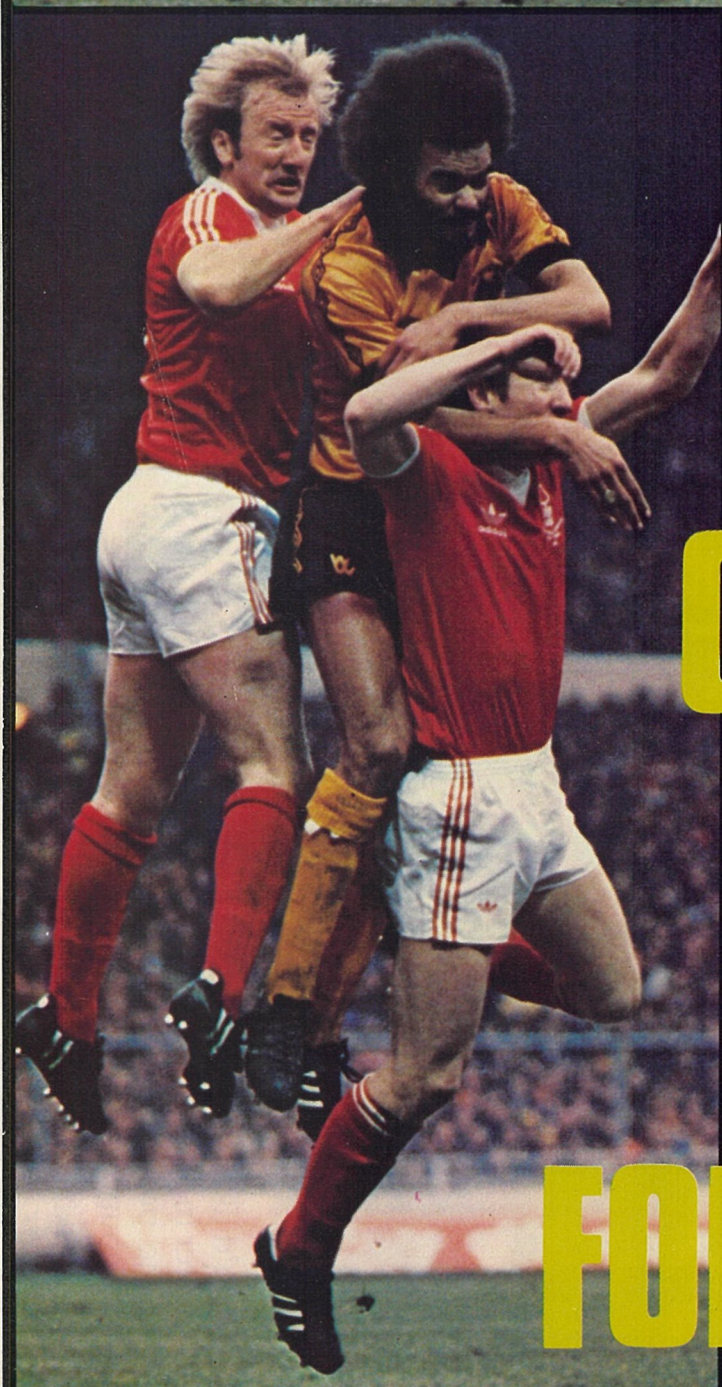
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It may not have been the best of games, but Wolves fans won't care too much. Their team beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 in the League Cup Final and that's all that really matters.

Andy Gray is seconds away from slotting the ball home for Wolves' winning goal.



Left: A Forest sandwich for Wolves' George Berry as David Needham and Kenny Burns combine to stop the Molineux star.



GRAY DAY FOR FOREST

Ian Bowyer goes close for Forest as his effort beats Wolves' goalkeeper Paul Bradshaw.

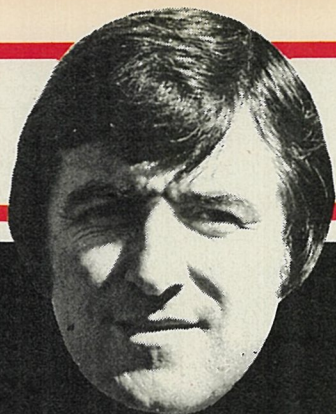


The jubilant Wolves with the League Cup after their victory over Forest.



VENNERS'

VERDICT



I RESPECT the argument that football clubs have got to watch how they spend their money but I don't go along with the prophets of doom who predict bankruptcy for soccer in this country if transfer fees are not curbed.

Managers keep spouting-off about the spiralling cost of buying new players and a word of caution was sounded, too, at the Professional Footballers' Association's dinner at the London Hilton last month.

It does not disturb me that more than £38 million changed hands in transfer dealings from March, 1979, to March this year.

All the time there are clubs like Manchester City and Everton willing to spend vast sums on players, transfer fees will continue to raise eyebrows. If the money isn't available then transfer fees will come down.

They simply reflect the buoyancy of clubs' bank accounts. Some people thought I was irrational in spending £600,000 on signing Mike Flanagan.

Inflation

I think the Flanagan deal was a good one. Poor Mike has missed part of the season through hamstring trouble but I have never questioned my decision to spend more than £½million on him. We're paying Charlton the money over two years, £300,000 a year, which is considerably less than it seems when you take into account Britain's raging inflation.

Tommy Docherty has earned himself a reputation as a big spender. In labelling the Queens Park Rangers manager that, his critics tend to forget his shrewd selling technique. I bought Gerry Francis from him for almost half a million.

Lawrie McMenemy is pretty handy at finding a bargain. He spent only £200,000 in capturing Mike Channon's services from

'Spend, spend, spend... it's the only way'

Manchester City — and brought off the coup of the season in getting Kevin Keegan for £400,000.

But football's critics can only remember the big money deals. More than £5 million went on four players, Andy Gray from Aston Villa to Wolves, Steve Daley from Wolves to Manchester City; Laurie Cunningham from West Brom to Real Madrid and Kevin Reeves from Norwich City to Manchester City.

Brian Clough's assistant Peter



Taylor made a significant contribution to the transfer debate when he added this postscript to Forest's incredible victory over Dynamo Berlin.

"If we say we need to break the bank we must be allowed to do it. That's the way European Cups are won... and money is made. If they (the Nottingham Forest directors) won't let us carry on thinking big then we're wasting our time here and they will end up back among the also rans."

I have never condoned extravagant spending but it's a weak manager who allows others to pull all the strings in the transfer market. People who think big, and spend big, tend to win things. The others don't.

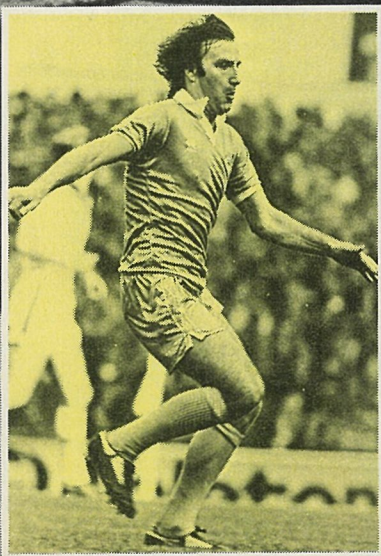
Andy Gray is an outstanding striker. John Barnwell had no hesitation in spending £1½ million on the Scottish international.

Kevin Reeves is an outstanding prospect. Malcolm Allison knew what he was doing when he spent £1¼ million on him.

The Steve Daley deal has not been a success. But don't write off Daley. The fans grow impatient when a player struggles to settle in new surroundings but that prolonged acclimatisation process doesn't make them bad players overnight.

Brian Clough admitted he might have mishandled Trevor Francis, another £1 million player, in finding the right role for the England striker. It takes a brave man to admit that. Managers do make mistakes and players sometimes get the blame from the fans for their bosses' miscalculations.

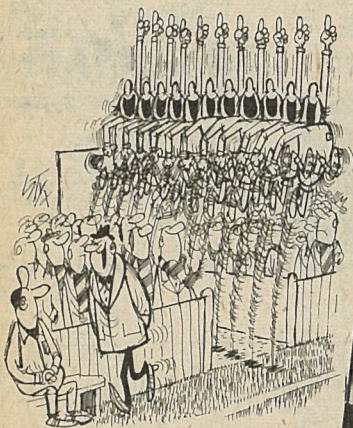
Those who want a transfer ceiling are talking nonsense. What would happen is that everything under the ceiling would rise — and nobody would want to sell players.



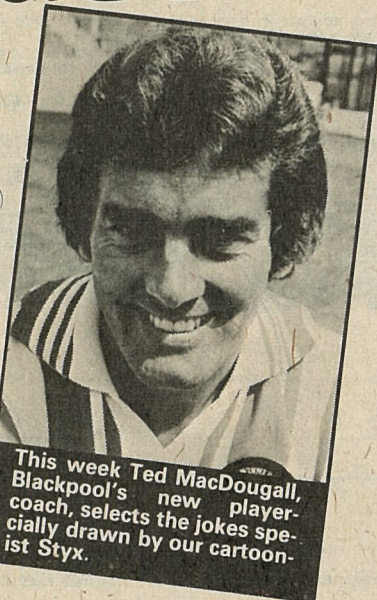
LEFT: Steve Daley has been a problem at Manchester City, but don't write him off. TOP: Mike Channon, a "snip" at £200,000. ABOVE: Perfect balance, a fierce shot in either foot. That's Mike Flanagan.

Flanagan

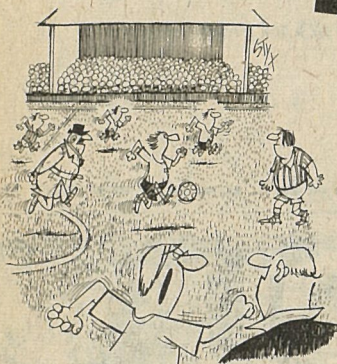
FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"I told them if they didn't play better this half I'd resign."



This week Ted MacDougall, Blackpool's new player-coach, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"His wife's having him followed by a private eye."



"Oh gawd! He's going to try his banana shot."



"Great news, Buster. They've put central heating in your cell down at the nick."



"How come? After playing 90 minutes in a quagmire your boots are still clean."

750-UP FOR THE OTHER ALAN BALL



Queen of the South goalkeeper Alan Ball aims to play 1,000 games for his club before retirement.

TO many football fans the name of Alan Ball conjures up pictures of a fiery, red-topped bundle of energy who helped England to win the World Cup in 1966 and has now become player/manager of Blackpool after well-publicised stays at Everton, Arsenal and Southampton.

However, in Dumfries, the name Alan Ball presents an entirely different image, that of a burly, well-built, slightly balding giant of a goalkeeper who will never get a fraction of the headlines that have come his more famous namesake's way.

Alan Ball is the veteran last line of defence of Queen of the South and this season he passed the magical 750th first team appearance for the Palmerston club.

Does he have any targets left? "To keep on playing as long as my ability will allow me," he answers honestly. "I don't aim at setting records, but it would be nice to play in over 1,000 games for this club."

"I have enjoyed my soccer here. It may not have been glamorous, but the club have always treated me well and I can't complain."

Ball could have joined in the big-time soccer brigade earlier in his career when both Newcastle and Carlisle wanted to buy him from the Queen's, but he says: "It suited me fine to stay at Palmerston. This is a good club and the fans have always been marvellous to me. I only hope it continues for quite a while!"

"The sportswriters gave me a Personality of the Month award recently and I was really delighted," says Ball, who is nearer 40 than 30. "It means an awful lot to me to be involved in something like that. Let's face it, Queen of the South are not a glamour club and it would have been easy to have been overlooked."

Football is an entertainment to this man and he believes in giving the fans plenty to shout about.

Four years ago he was involved in a remarkable Scottish Cup-tie against Celtic at Parkhead where he defied the Scottish Champions with some superlative saves throughout the afternoon.

The result hung in the balance until Celtic was awarded a penalty and Ronnie Glavin, now Barnsley, thrashed a shot low past Ball.

Alan Ball prides himself in saving a fair percentage of the penalty-kicks he has to face and he was obviously annoyed when that one swept past him. Later in the second-half Celtic were awarded another penalty and the antics of Ball were worth the admission money alone!

Laughter

He grabbed the ball, jumped up and down, waved his arms in the air, asked the referee to change his mind and generally had the fans rolling about with laughter. There was nothing vicious about Ball's disagreement with the referee and even the official had to smile.

Eventually the dust settled and Glavin again rammed a shot past Ball, who recalls: "Save it? I didn't even see it!"

Is it any wonder that Queen of the South fans continually acclaim their English-born number one? He never takes any silly risks, but he still goes out of his way to make sure they are being entertained.

"That's football," says Ball. "It can get too serious at times, can't it? The fans come first and foremost with me."

Everyone hopes that the Queen of the South personality not only reaches that magical 1,000 appearance figure, but also surpasses it. The game will lose a wonderful sportsman when he decides to call it a day.

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If someone had said to me at the start of the season that George Best could stand between me and a place in the Scottish Cup Final, I'd have laughed at him. But that is the situation as Hibernian meet Celtic in the Semi-Finals next week at Ibrox Park.

It's been almost impossible to pick up a paper this year without reading about Bestie. Some of it has been good, much of it bad. George was sacked, brought back by Hibs and now could be playing in the Cup Final for them. Excuse me if I pinch myself, but the prospect of meeting George Best at the home of Rangers IS somewhat unusual, you'll agree.

I make no excuses for devoting my column to George this week because in my book he's one of the all-time greats. And I want to declare my hand straight away by saying you can mark me down on the side of those who feel sorry for the wayward genius.

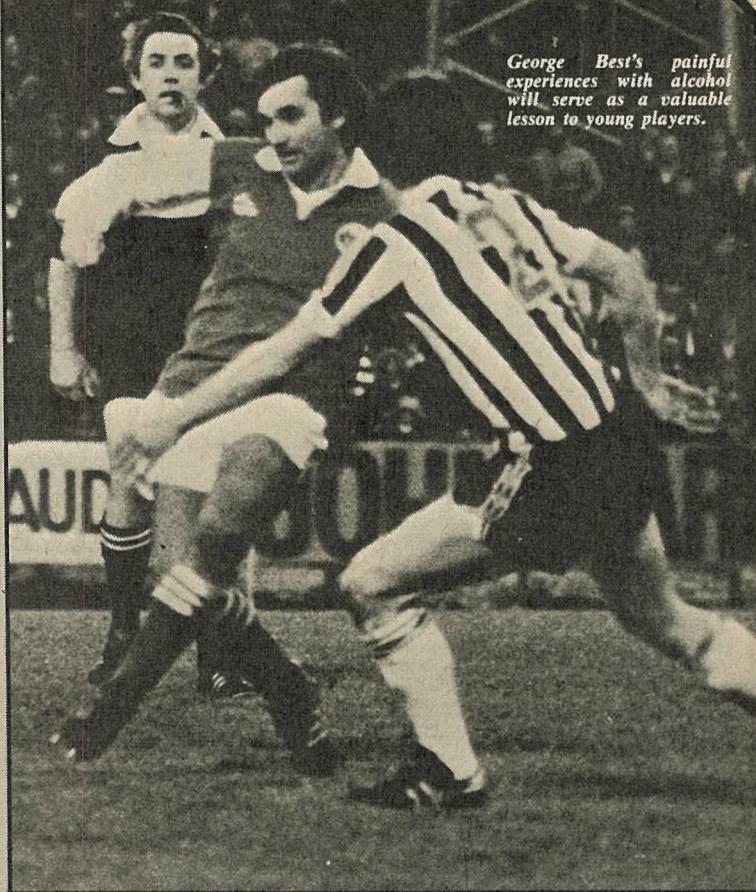
Up to a point the media have



before, and the dazzling solo runs are only a memory, but he has adapted his game to suit his age and fitness and uses all his experience to give Hibs a boost.

The vision and long swinging passes are the factors which made him so classy, but on top of that he is a big help to the Easter Road youngsters on the park... and from what I have heard he does not mind giving them plenty of encouragement off the pitch as well.

Perhaps the sad thing about his troubles in Scotland is that he has hardly played outside of Edinburgh at all, and so many people who would have loved to see him play



George Best's painful experiences with alcohol will serve as a valuable lesson to young players.

'Why Best's troubles are

good for youngsters'

been to blame for the ills which befell him before his sacking and then forgiving by Hibs... but only up to a point.

George Best is the guy who made the publicity make money for himself then found out that he could not handle it. The pressure got on top of him and he cracked.

Worst of all he found he could not say "no" when people offered to buy him a drink and it was alcohol which brought him the sack from Hibs before they reinstated him.

But if there is any good to come out of it all surely it is the fact that the whole George Best story from start to finish will serve as the bitterest of warnings to youngsters starting in the game who are tempted to stray from the straight and narrow.

When we took on Hibs at Easter Road the first thought that came into my mind was that I would have hated to have played against him at his peak. He really rose to the occasion when he played both Celtic and Rangers.

Certainly he isn't as fast as

never got the chance.

It is just the way the fixtures worked out... but I hope the good people of our capital city realise what a bonus they were handed.

Of course the whole Best affair raises the thorny question of players and drink.

I have no problems on that score because I never touch it, which is not to say I think there is anything wrong with players having a lager after a match.

But fans can make it very difficult, insisting, when they see players in bars, that they have "just one." What they don't realise is that everybody is saying the same thing.

And of course these are the people who the very next day are reporting to friends that they saw Danny McGrain drinking a bottle of

vodka in a pub the night before.

The sad truth is that too many players go overboard with drink — perhaps as many as five per cent — and while we all need a pressure release valve, that is hardly the answer.

Talking of pressure, there was plenty of that when we took on St Mirren in the Fourth Round of the Scottish Cup.

A last-gasp Murdo McLeod goal won us a replay after the first game at Parkhead and then when Tom McAdam was sent-off in the replay at Love Street it must have looked as if we were out.

But we battled magnificently through extra-time and a superb Johnny Doyle goal gave us a 3-2 win and a place in the Quarter-Finals against Morton at Parkhead... which shaped up as another real toughie.

On a personal note I would like to give a mention to my brother Tommy who has returned from a stay in Ireland to settle in at Dumbarton.

The Boghead club are making a real challenge in the First Division.

I'm sure we will meet in the Premier Division next season!

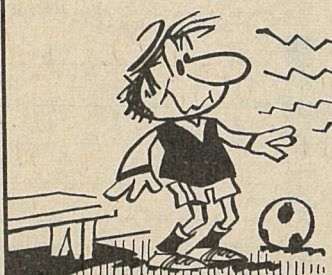
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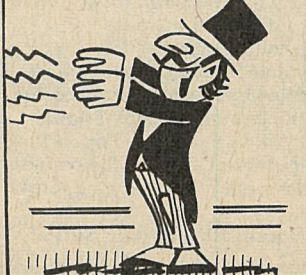
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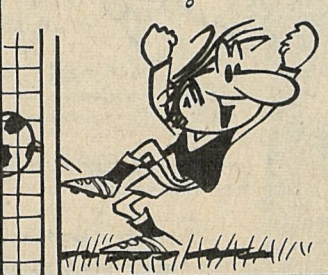
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'I'M LAZY'

IN any other job, Don Penn would probably find himself in hot water for upstaging his boss. But at Walsall, the likeable young striker is attracting nothing but praise from his player/manager, Alan Buckley.

For it's Don's prolific goalscoring that has played a major role in the club's runaway success at the top of the Fourth Division.

Buckley's no slouch in the goals business himself. His scoring average of a goal every other League game — and he's played more than 300 of those — bears witness to that.

But Penn, in his first full season, is odds on to finish well clear of the gaffer in the goal stakes.

And the local, Smethwick-born youngster, who celebrated his 20th birthday last month, issues this chilling warning to defenders: "I firmly believe I can do even better."

"I set myself a target of 20 goals at the beginning of the season. I've already passed that figure. So if I can learn to put away more of the chances, I ought to manage somewhere around the 40 mark."

While he's obviously confident in his new-found scoring ability, Don is also critical of what he calls his application to the game as a whole.

"At the moment, I'm just not



says. "He's been around a few years, and has loads of experience, which he's always ready to pass on. He doesn't single me out for special attention, mind you."

"But it's his attitude when I miss chances that I really appreciate. He doesn't ruck me, he just says, oh well, there'll be another one along in a minute. Or sometimes he tries to gee me up by joking that any more misses like that, and he's certain to overtake me before the season's finished."

"Obviously, I didn't set out to outscore him. But as the season's progressed, this good-natured tussle has developed between us."

What's been very much Walsall's

until last season he got his real chance.

"I played a few games in mid-season, but just when I felt I was making progress, I got injured in a match, and ended up in hospital with a poisoned leg," recalled Penn. "That kept me out of action for almost three months. When I came back the team was fighting relegation, and I struggled to find my form."

"In fact, I was so disappointed with myself, I decided that if I didn't make it this season, I was going back to playing non-League soccer — and pick up my trade again as an electrician."

Thankfully for Walsall, that hasn't happened, and the only sparks Don has set flying have been those on the soccer field.

Penn's impact has been so great, in fact, the club have already turned down a £400,000 bid for his services from Manchester City.

admits Walsall striker Don Penn

pulling my weight for the full 90 minutes," he explained.

"Hitting the back of the net alone just doesn't satisfy me. I want to contribute to the team effort in other ways. I'm really a lazy type of player. I don't put myself about enough — and get involved in the play."

Understandably, Don is quick to acknowledge the part Alan Buckley has played in his success this season.

"The boss has been terrific," he

gain, appears to have been Aston Villa's loss. Because as a lad, Don played a couple of games for Villa boys, but nothing came of it. So he went off to play for a local club in the Alliance League.

"I was recommended to Walsall by the side's manager, and they invited me to play a couple of reserve games for them, before they offered me terms," said Don.

That was in 1977, when Don was 17. But with the exception of one appearance as substitute, it wasn't

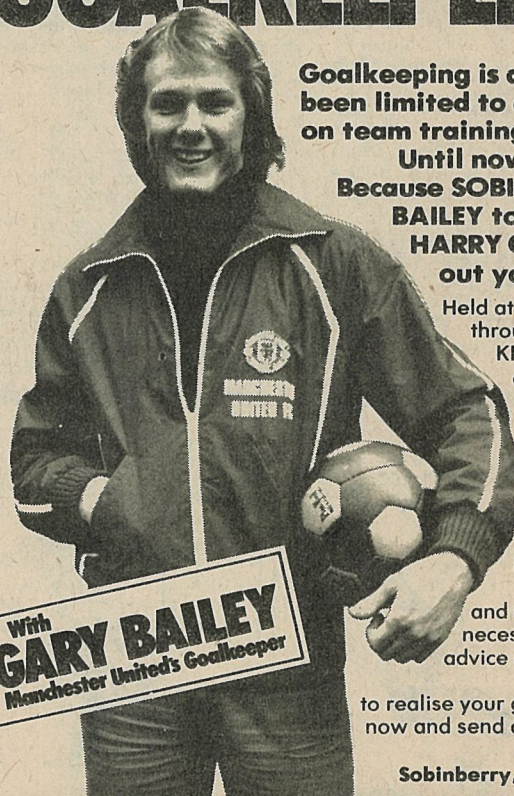
"I knew that Derby were also interested in me," he said, "and Liverpool are supposed to have watched me on many occasions. That in itself didn't worry me particularly. But when City actually put all that money up front, I was terrified."

As it was, Walsall rejected the bid, and Penn's still very much with The Saddlers, as they enter the final straight in their promotion chase as clear favourites for Division Three.

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FIRST DIVISION WIGAN-BY 1990



Wigan boss Ian McNeill (above) was encouraged by his team's performance at Everton in the F.A. Cup (right).



WIGAN boss Ian McNeill has one ambition that could easily turn to reality for the Fourth Division club.

"I would like to think that by 1990, Wigan will be playing First Division football," says the 46-year-old Glaswegian.

"But having said that, we must take our time. We are in the process of building a club where the spirit and everything else is right, so that when we eventually do start to climb, we'll be prepared and ready for life at the top.

"It would be quite easy for us to fall by the wayside as we did last season when we came with a great late run and just failed in our promotion bid. This season we were looking for a good start but it went sour. The character of the players is such that we are having a similar run."

Problems

McNeill's early season problems began when he lost two goalkeepers, John Brown and Bob Ward, both cartilage victims, plus full-back John Curtis and centre-half Noel Ward with broken legs.

"We collected only nine points from our opening nine games," he says. "Then once John Brown returned to the side we began to pick up and we've never looked back."

But if the League form is looking good it was Wigan's F.A. Cup exploits which really started the town talking. After beating Blackpool and Northwich Victoria the club were drawn away to Chelsea in the Third Round. And on a frosty Stamford Bridge surface The Latics stunned the London crowd with a superb 1-0 victory.

"It was the greatest night in the history of the club," says Ian. "The plum for us was we knew we would be playing Everton at Goodison and that we would take

about 20,000 spectators.

"It was sheer magic and a real carnival day for the people of Wigan. The fact we went there and played speaks volumes. Although we lost 3-0, there was never a three goal gap.

"We broke the Goodison club's record receipts for a Cup-tie involving Everton as close on 52,000 paid £88,850. It was also the first time Wigan had reached the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

"Promotion is certainly on everybody's minds. The fourth spot is the one I'm aiming for. But one of the problems we are faced with is keeping our players because there are one or two clubs inquiring.

"You don't want to stand in their way, but at the same time you want to keep faith with the spectators. With a Fourth Division side if the right money comes along, then you are forced to let them go. Economics say that."

So far this season McNeill has spent £17,000 on two players. "When Noel Ward fractured a leg I needed another centre-half desperately," he says. "So we paid £15,000 to East Fife for Colin Methven, with the provision that we would pay another £12,000 once he'd played 25 games. We also spent £2,000 for George Urquhart from Scottish non-League club Ross County.

"You've really got to manage in the Fourth Division. It would be ideal if you could get the cheque book out, but at our level you've got to be realistic. I don't think a manager should go out and get the club in debt.

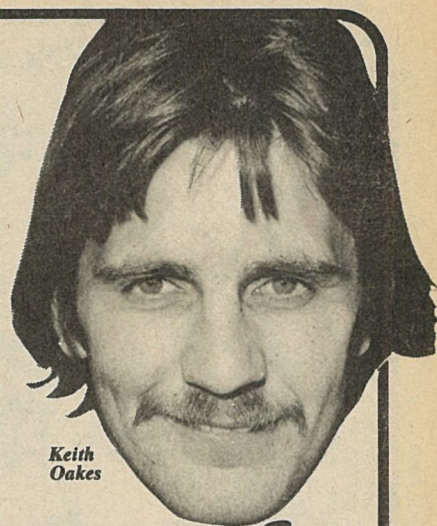
"The secret of success is basically a belief in the players.

"The spirit here at Springfield Park is tremendous. I've been involved with many clubs during my playing career, but none matches the atmosphere at Wigan."

KEITH Oakes, a player once concerned about his future, and Newport County, a club that seemed to have no future at all, are taking off together. Oakes has become one of the most dangerous 'attacking' defenders in the Football League, while Newport are challenging for their first ever promotion from the Fourth Division.

"When I moved to Somerton Park from Peterborough at the start of the 1978-79 season, I hadn't achieved too much. Frankly, I was disappointed. Into the first team at 16 yet with only 62 League appearances (and 14 of them as substitute) five years later," he recalls.

"Noel Cantwell, my first man-



Keith Oakes

Newport chasing football first

ager, and then John Barnwell were big names in football — but I hadn't made too much progress under them.

"John has done a terrific job at Wolves but he seemed reluctant to put too much faith in young players at Peterborough. When I left, there were only a couple of players under 24 holding regular places.

"To be fair, he didn't stand in my way when Newport manager Len Ashurst came in for me. The offer was on the table and I took it — because I was desperate for a regular first team place."

Encouraged

From the moment he arrived at Somerton Park, Oakes became the team's anchor. He swiftly emerged as one of the finest central defenders outside the top two Divisions.

Ashurst also encouraged him to use his aerial power in opposing penalty-areas almost as much as in his own. Although he had scored only a couple of goals in five years at Peterborough, he powered in five for Newport last season ... and that was only warming up.

This season, moving up for every corner and free-kick, he was into double figure by Christmas.

Made skipper earlier in 1979-80, the burly Oakes is now urging Newport into the promotion hunt. "It would do so much good for the game in this area of South Wales if we could pull it off," he says.

"All the time, we are battling against the ghosts of the 1970's when the club stood on the verge of going out of business. It's a completely different place now but there is only one way to convince people — by winning promotion.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Newport would easily do well in the Third Division and make

quite an impression in the Second as well. That's not idle speculation because we've proved it.

"We showed what we could do when we beat West Ham in the F.A. Cup last season. We did so again this season when we put out Cardiff and then beat Wrexham on their own pitch in the Welsh Cup.

"The manager has either brought along from the youth ranks or signed from other clubs the kind of players who fit in well together. Take two typical examples, Nigel Vaughan and John Aldridge.

"Last season, Nigel was always being dropped from the side. His approach wasn't right, although he had all the talent in the world. This season, with the manager impressing professional standards upon his natural ability, he hasn't missed a game. His form in midfield is magnificent.

"John came out of the blue. He was playing for South Liverpool under the noses of clubs who are supposed to be alert to every scrap of talent in sight — but they missed him.

"They are the kind of attacking players you must have in any side that is going to win something. With their control and their pace, they have that special ability to suddenly turn a game inside out.

"Like so many other players at Newport, they are starting out on their careers and that is why this is a club that can only get better. Never mind about the old days at Newport: this is a club where the ambition stares you in the face all the way from apprentices to chairman. I'm rather proud to be its captain."



Brian Clough and Peter Taylor made no special plans for Forest's crucial game in East Berlin.

LEAGUE Cup victory at Wembley might have meant European Cup defeat for Forest.

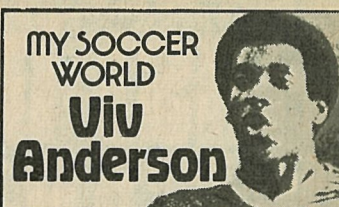
Wolves' triumph made Forest even more determined to bounce back and retain the trophy we won against Malmo last year.

Trevor Francis, still angry over Brian Clough's comments following the League Cup Final, answered the criticism by scoring two of our three first-half goals against Dynamo Berlin in our Quarter-Final second-leg tie in the Jahn Sportspark Stadium a few days later.

Brian Clough made Trevor his man-of-the-match after Forest had sensationally wiped out a one-goal deficit against all the odds imaginable.

As you know Brian Clough had accused Britain's first one million pound footballer of a lack of application.

This upset Trev, who clearly thought he was being made the



Trevor aside and asked him where he wanted to play.

Staring the boss straight back in the eye, he answered: "Up front."

In my view that's his best position, playing as a spearhead alongside Garry Birtles.

Trevor confirmed that view by not only scoring two vital goals against Dynamo, before John Robertson's penalty, but inspired Forest to a famous European Cup victory.

The way Brian Clough was smiling at Trevor in the dressing room afterwards I wonder if his stinging attack was a clever piece of kidology, to

Forest have

scapegoat for our set-back at Wembley.

Before our European Cup-tie in East Berlin, the gaffer had made up his mind to play Trev on the right of midfield.

But just before kick-off he called

gee him up and get him going.

The boss and Peter Taylor didn't make any special plans or tactics for the match, apart from moving Trevor up front and bringing in the ever-dependable Ian Bowyer for Stan Bowles.

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I suppose Ian's previous European experience gave him the edge over Stan.

Before the game there was no tactical talk. The boss simply told us to go out and treat the match as though it was 0-0.

He then repeated what he had told TV reporters after Dynamo's shock 1-0 win at the City Ground in the first-leg: "Forest can and will win."

Another piece of Clough kidology? Maybe, but I bet even the boss was surprised at Forest's devastating first-half burst and the manner in which we rose to the occasion in such style and determination.

In the absence of the suspended Kenny Burns, Larry Lloyd was outstanding, especially under fierce second-half pressure in which their skipper Frank Terletzki scored from a penalty.

Frankie Gray and Dave Needham also played particularly well — and I



Trevor Francis scores his second goal in Forest's brilliant 3-1 away victory in the European Cup Quarter-Finals.

nothing to fear in Europe

was delighted with my own performance.

Two things shocked me — the weather and the way the East Germans played against us.

The temperature was minus three degrees. I've never been so cold. I was also surprised Dynamo sat back on their one goal advantage instead of playing to their attacking strength.

After the match Brian and Peter Taylor said how proud they were of the way we came back from the dead. There was no funeral in Berlin for us as everyone — Brian Clough apart — had predicted.

"No team in European Cup history has achieved what you did tonight," he said.

Hospitality

Despite our sensational victory there were no celebrations for Forest. We flew straight back to Nottingham.

I must admit I was glad to get home. Although we received tremendous hospitality in East Berlin, and the food was good, there was an uneasy atmosphere about the place.

No one seemed to smile, especially the little waitress who served Brian Clough a beer.

"I won't give you a tip," said the boss. "Instead I'll give you a few hints of how to get over the Berlin Wall."

Motivation is one of Brian Clough's secrets, but the prospect of facing Ajax of Amsterdam in the European Cup Semi-Finals is all the motivation Forest need.

This must surely be one of the strongest Semi-Finals for years, with three of the four clubs involved being previous winners of the trophy.

This is the tie we wanted, although the famous Dutchmen are



Simon Tahamata (Ajax).

youngsters like Oriental wingers La Ling and Tahamata.

The midfield is controlled by Lerby and Frank Arnesen, two of the three Ajax men who played for Denmark against England recently. The other was Henning Jensen.

Ajax appear to be quite strong in attack, as they proved by scoring four goals against French Champions Strasbourg in the last round.

The one vital ingredient Ajax have is tradition, which can account for a lot at this stage of the competition.

Although Forest don't usually worry about European Cup opponents I understand Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are preparing a dossier on the Dutchmen.

The fact we are at home in the first-leg won't worry us, either. We've proved how strong we can be on opponent's grounds.

Real Madrid, who stage the European Cup Final in their Bernabeu Stadium on May 28th, win or lose against Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV, are running neck and neck with Real Sociedad for the Spanish League title.

Staging the Final on their home ground is all the incentive Laurie Cunningham and his team will need.

Real are strong in midfield with Del Bosque and West Germany's Stielike, have the experience of Pirri in defence and pace and skill of Cunningham, Santillana and Juanito in attack.

Despite Real's power, and the ease with which they disposed of Celtic in their second-leg Quarter-Final tie, I believe they can be

vulnerable in defence. That should please Kevin Keegan.

Many regard Hamburger SV as the weakest of the four Semi-Finalists. Certainly they struggled to beat Hajduk Split in the last round on the away goals rule.

But they've had several good results lately, including that victory in Cologne against Tony Woodcock's team.

And, of course, Kevin Keegan will be determined to end his career in West Germany in triumph, just as he did with Liverpool.

Funnily enough I've never played against Kev before, although I've been his team-mate several times for England.

I hope to put that record straight in the European Cup Final in May.

A second successive European Cup Final victory is well within Forest's reach. We've nothing to fear from any of the other Semi-Finalists.

Easter

Anyway, defeat against Ajax won't necessarily mean no European competition for Forest next season.

I'm sure we can qualify for the U.E.F.A. Cup, along with Wolves, by way of our League position.

We can strengthen that claim by having a Happy Easter programme which kicks-off at Aston Villa this Saturday (April 5th).

We beat Villa 2-1 at our place earlier in the season, right in the middle of their good run.

Our game on Easter Monday against Everton however, has been postponed to allow for our European commitments. We now play them on May 9, unless they are in the F.A. Cup Final.

Join me again in two weeks' time ...

Kevin Keegan

re-emerging as a force with probably their best team for years.

They are still led by sweeper Ruud Krol, the sole survivor from the side that won the European Cup three times in succession in 1971, 1972 and 1973.

From what I've seen and heard of Ajax, they've one or two useful

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This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Horton of Dewsbury in West Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

THE END OF FOOTBALL?

★ Unless something is done very quickly, I can see the end of football as we know and love it. Kevin Reeves recently became the fourth player to cost £1 million or more and I don't believe the game can take it.

These enormous fees and the huge wages players are now getting have to be paid for from somewhere — and that means the fan. The trouble is that there is often no incentive for people to go and watch football. With large amounts to pay at the turnstiles, travelling expenses and perhaps a programme, it costs well over £2 to anyone living within five miles of a ground. To people travelling all over the country, it can cost well over £5.

Added to the cost is the problem of hooliganism. With the costs, hooliganism and the decline in goals it is no wonder that attendances are falling.

I believe there should be a maximum transfer fee of £500,000 and a maximum wage. This would lead to more exciting football as good players such as Kevin Reeves would be able to stay at smaller clubs like Norwich, unlike now where there are only half a dozen clubs who can afford to pay top wages.

Football has also to be made more entertaining for the family as a whole. If clubs can afford to pay £1 million for a player, surely they could afford to hire some pre-match and half-time entertainment like displays, bands, competitions, free prizes thrown into the crowd. I think we could learn a lot from America in this respect.

Something has to be done and within the next few years, or we could see an end to the Football League as we know it.

● What do other readers think?

Captain Rix

GRAHAM Rix, the Arsenal midfielder and England Under-21 international, is one of the best players in Britain and I believe he will soon be called up by Ron Greenwood to play for the senior team.

Judging him on his present form he deserves to be promoted to the senior team more than any other player.

I would also agree with the few First Division managers mentioned in SHOOT a few weeks ago who said that Rixie is better than Chippy Brady. In my opinion, he is a much better player than any of the midfield players in the present senior squad except Keegan and Brooking.

Rix will be the captain of England in 1986, when England will win the World Cup.

WILSON WONG,
EALING.

● You'd get good odds on those last two predictions coming true!

Pen-Pal

I WOULD like an English pen-pal (preferably female). I'm 18-years-old and I support Seattle Sounders and Spurs.

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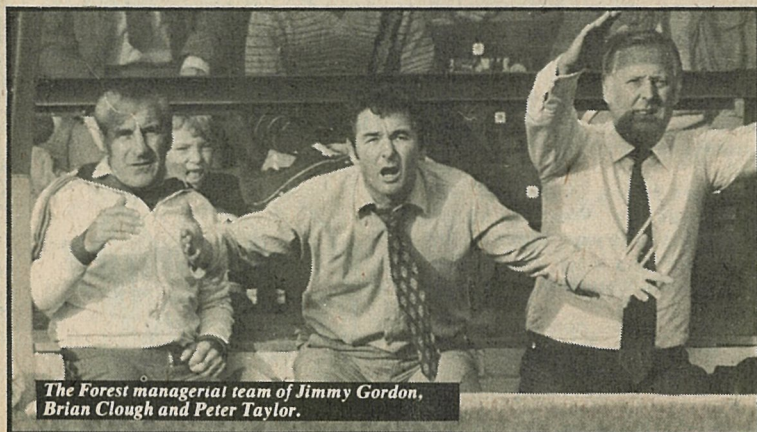
I WOULD like to congratulate Brian Clough on his tribute to the backroom boys by allowing Forest's coach Jimmy Gordon to lead the team out at Wembley in the League Cup Final.

This is one of Cloughie's good points which is often overlooked by the media.

Well done, Brian.

PETER SPROAT,
MANCHESTER.

● I couldn't think of another manager who would have made such a gesture.



The Forest managerial team of Jimmy Gordon, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

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Kevin Keelan

Norwich goalkeeper Kevin Keelan seems to have been playing for ever! When did he join them?

NIGEL HART,
Co. DURHAM

● As long ago as July, 1963, Nigel. He came from Wrexham, for whom he'd played 68 League games after an original five for Villa.

Since then, as you'll know, the ever-green Keelan has played upwards of 600 first team games for Norwich — and is still going strong!



Kevin Keelan (Norwich)

Without a win

Which club has gone the longest without a win in the Football League?

M. ATKINSON,
DARWEN

● Crewe Alexandra must take that dubious honour.

After beating Scunthorpe 2-1 on 19th September, 1956, they didn't win a League game again until 13th April, 1957, when they beat Bradford City 1-0 — to end a run of 30 Third Division (North) games without a victory.

Swedes in England

Have there been many Swedish players in the Football League, and who was the most successful?

MIKAEL JOHANSSON,
SWEDEN

● So far, Mikael, very few of your countrymen have played over here. But one who did — if only briefly, he certainly had the crowds roaring! — was Swedish international centre-forward Hans Jeppson.

He arrived in London on a three months' business-trip early in January, 1951 — and Charlton, then looking to be facing almost certain relegation from the First Division at the end of the season, promptly got permission to sign him as an amateur.

Jeppson only stayed long enough to play 11 League games. But, in them, he scored nine goals — including a superb hat-trick against Arsenal at Highbury — and inspired Charlton to pick up 16 vital points.

By the time he left for home at the end of March, Charlton's once-desperate position was already safe — and, 29 years later, old-time supporters still talk fondly of their "brief encounter" with the sizzling Swede.

Most draws

What is the highest number of English First Division draws in a single day?

ANDREW MAWER,
COLNE

● Nine out of eleven was the total, Andrew, and it occurred on 18th September, 1948.

These were draws — Aston Villa 3, Huddersfield 3; Bolton 2, Blackpool 2; Burnley 2, Birmingham 2; Charlton 0, Newcastle 0; Everton 1, Liverpool 1; Manchester City 1, Portsmouth 1; Sheffield Utd. 2, Manchester Utd. 2; Sunderland 1, Arsenal 1; Wolves 2, Derby 2.

Preston and Stoke spoiled a First Division "full-house" by beating, respectively, Chelsea 3-2 and Middlesbrough 3-0.

22 sent-off!

In which game have the most players been sent-off?

ROBERT DUNNING,
THORNABY

● You can't really get much better (or worse!) than a game in Spain in March, 1976, Robert.

Then, in a League match between Teijeiro and Cecebre, referee Jose Barbeito Lopez dispatched all 22 to an "early-bath"!

After sending-off four players for fighting and dissent, he soon after disallowed a goal for offside.

Whereupon a mass punch-up involving the remaining 18 players began — and the ref promptly sent them all off as well.

SHORT PASSES

● Celtic's record gate is 92,000 — v Rangers on 1st January, 1938.
(MARK DONAGNER, Canada)

● Dixie Dean and Jimmy Greaves were exactly the same age when they scored their 200th League goal — 23 years and 290 days.
(SEAN NOBLE, Gateshead)

● Manchester United's all-time most-capped player is Bobby Charlton with 106 full internationals for England.
(ARILD BERLAND, Norway)

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Captain Tony McAndrew beats Spurs' Ardiles to the ball during their 3-1 win at White Hart Lane.

THE ghost of Wilf Mannion continues to haunt the dressing rooms and pitch at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough.

The Great Man still lives in the North-East and many Boro fans now drawing old age pensions prefer to talk about Wilf's immaculate skills over a frothing pint of Newcastle Brown than they do the contribution being made by today's heroes in the red shirt.

So, Middlesbrough's manager John Neal could be forgiven for not worshipping the hallowed turf the elegant, silver haired Mannion once trod with such distinction.

Not a bit of it. The softly-spoken Neal cherishes Mannion's memory as much as any diehard supporter.

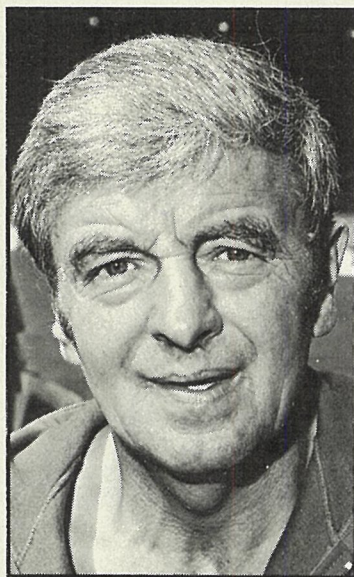
"Wilf was great for this club, and he's still great for Middlesbrough," insists Neal. "It's good for people to talk about their heroes."

Conviction

Neal says that with the conviction of a manager knowing that Middlesbrough are currently playing arguably the best football in their 104 year history and there is no harm done in dwelling on nostalgia at such times.

John Neal has driven pride into the First Division club since his arrival from Wrexham in 1977. They have always carried the unfortunate tag "unfashionable", which might have been a justified label in some of the darker seasons since Mannion and George Hardwick wore the red of Middlesbrough and the white of England after the last War, but is now largely outmoded with the team fighting for European status next season and frightening the majority of First Division clubs they meet on Saturday afternoons.

Neal puts it in simple terms. "We are playing well because the senior players are maintaining a consistently high standard and the



Manager John Neal (above). One of Boro's exciting youngsters, Mark Proctor (right).

young men I've drafted in get better with every game.

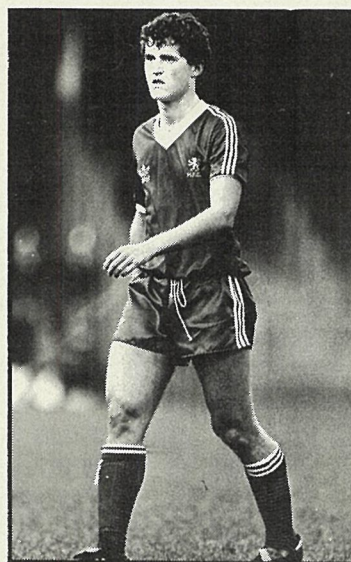
"Our position in the League speaks for itself. It's been a remarkable season when you consider that Irving Natrass, a quality player, has cracked a fibula twice this season."

Neal's soft North-East tongue belies his competitive instincts and the players, especially the younger element, have responded to his clarion call before every match to "take 'em on".

"It's no good these youngsters watching coaching films. There's only one way to learn how to play football — and that's to play the game."

It is indicative of his belief in youth that one of Middlesbrough's more experienced players is the captain, Tony McAndrew. He is 23.

Boro bidding for Europe



David Armstrong, called up for England B against Spain last month after playing more than 300 games for the club, and recognised as the "old man" of the side is 25.

Bobby Murdoch, the former Scotland international and Celtic

star, shares some of the glory for the nursery of thoroughbred talent Middlesbrough have developed in the past three years.

Middlesbrough have managed to shed their image for adopting dull, negative tactics because of Neal's determination to entertain as well as win.

"Whether it's the kids, the reserves or the first team, they're all told the same thing 'show off your talents'," says Neal.

"The trouble with many footballers in Britain is that they do not go forward with enough determination.

'Wrath'

"They worry about getting back and incurring the wrath of their manager. It's sad really."

But Middlesbrough's revolution is not all about attitude. He has bought and sold players with the dexterity of a meat trader.

The Middlesbrough fans were unhappy when he elected to raise the better part of £1 million selling Graeme Souness to Liverpool, David Mills to West Bromwich Albion and Stuart Boam to Newcastle.

The Boam deal last August was particularly unpopular, for he was the cornerstone of the defence as Boro gained promotion in 1974 and then established themselves in the First Division.

The local newspaper was bombarded with critical letters and there followed another outcry in November when Stan Cummins moved to Sunderland for a fee in

the region of £300,000.

Any doubts held by fans were firmly dispelled when David Hodgson, a 19-year-old discovery from Gateshead, Mark Proctor, Alan Ramage and Graham Hedley began to carve themselves a reputation with thrilling performances both at home and away.

They hoisted themselves even closer to Liverpool, Manchester United and Arsenal at the top of the table when they went to Villa Park and pumped two goals past Jimmy Rimmer.

Armstrong and Billy Ashcroft scored the goals. Ashcroft's contribution was significant for he played in a striking capacity after distinguishing himself at the centre of Middlesbrough's defence for much of the season.

It is a tribute to Neal's belief in his players that he persuaded Ashcroft to play in defence this season and then convinced him he still possessed goalscoring qualities by handing him a number nine shirt against Villa in his comeback after injury.

It demonstrated again that little is beyond Middlesbrough with John Neal in charge... even a place in Europe next season.

MIDDLES



BACK ROW (left to right): Billy Woof, John Mahoney (now Swansea), Jim Stewart, David Brown (now Oxford), Jim Platt, Micky Burns, Craig Johnston.

CENTRE ROW: Jimmy Greenhalgh (now Sunderland scout), Tony McAndrew, Graeme Hedley, Mark Proctor, Ian Bailey, David Shearer, David Armstrong, Stan Cummins (now Sunderland), John Coddington (coach), Bobby Murdoch (junior team coach).

S'BROUGH



FRONT ROW: Lew Clayton (physio), Terry Cochrane, John Craggs, Peter Johnson, Stuart Boam (now Newcastle), Bosco Jankovic, Billy Ashcroft, David Hodgson, John Neal (manager).

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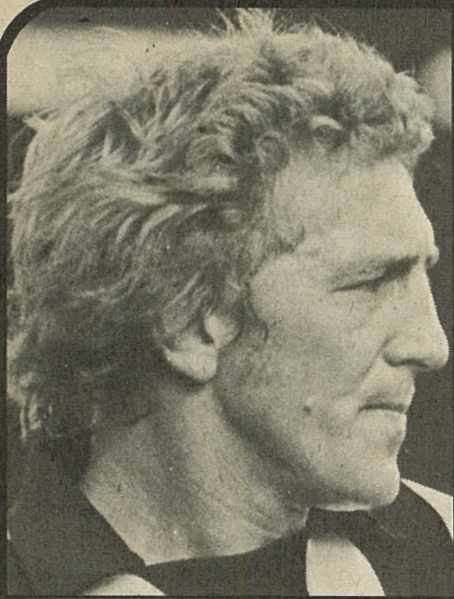
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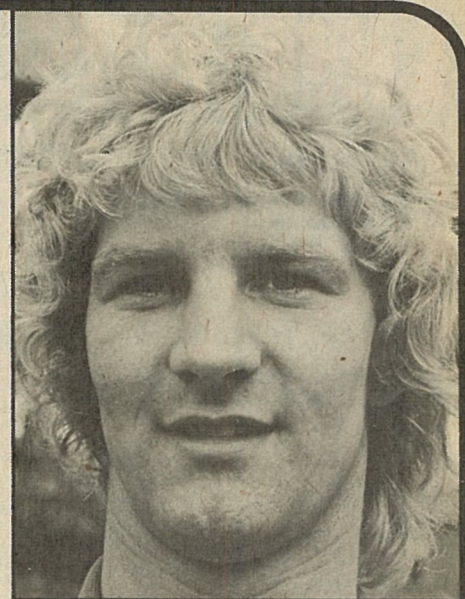
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BIG MATCH

CROSSTALK

◀ **STUART BOAM**
(Newcastle) and
SHAUN ELLIOTT ▶
(Sunderland)
discuss



The NORTH-EAST

CRUNCH

BOAM: I don't need to tell you that this Sunderland-Newcastle derby is a crucial one for both teams, with their involvement in the promotion struggle.

ELLIOTT: Roker Park will be packed. This is a day when Sunderland will be looking for all the support they can get, and I'm counting on our fans to make more noise than the contingent that will travel over from Newcastle.

BOAM: What I want is a result similar to the 3-1 win we managed against you at St. James' earlier this season. We had the edge then, and it made up for the 4-1 hiding you gave us at Newcastle in the previous League derby there, when Gary Rowell scored three.

ELLIOTT: The decisive results in our last two meetings at Newcastle contrast sharply with the derbies on the last couple of occasions at Roker, when we drew. But we can forget all about those past results on Saturday — for this match, I reckon I'll have my usual attack of nerves 15 minutes before kick-off, but once we are on the pitch, I'll be fine.

BOAM: At this stage, I'm not sure whether you will be in the back-four, or in midfield — I know that you've played in both departments for Sunderland this season. If you are in midfield against us, it will be because your extra "bite" is needed there. Every team needs a ball-winner, and you fit the bill perfectly.

ELLIOTT: I've no doubts about where I would most like to play — in the back-four. When you've been in this position for a while it's difficult to take on a completely different role. As a central defender, I felt I was in my right place, and I'll just have to wait and see which spot I'll be in for the derby.

BOAM: Midfield will be where the game is won or lost. Terry Hibbitt and Tommy Cassidy will be out to win that battle, and I'm aware that Sunderland will try to close down on them. Also, you have Kevin Arnott, who is a classy distributor of the ball and will be backing up his front runners.

ELLIOTT: Kevin can score goals, too, though Bryan Robson and Stan Cummins are two forwards who can help us in this respect.

'Terry Hibbitt and Tommy Cassidy should win the crucial midfield battle for us'
— **STUART BOAM**

Bryan has been going through an unproductive period, but has recently come good in time for this meeting with his old team, Newcastle.

BOAM: Stan Cummins, of course, is an old mate of mine, and from what I remember of Stan in our days together at Middlesbrough, I realise we'll have to mark him tightly near goal. The ideal way to play him is to challenge him outside the penalty-area, because if he

is allowed to carry the ball inside the box he is deadly and difficult to stop. Bryan Robson is equally dangerous, with a different technique. He is quick on the ball, and in bringing it under control, which makes him a real menace in front of goal. But we'll be posing you some problems as well, and have some ideas on scoring goals ourselves.

ELLIOTT: Alan Shoulder has scored regularly for Newcastle this season, and I know that he is difficult to mark. He is apt to drop deep at times, and defenders have been pulled out of position in order to keep him closed down. Then there is your new signing, Bobby Shinton, plus Peter Withe, who in my opinion is as important to the United attack as you are to the defence. On the wing, you've a clever ball-player in John Connolly, to provide the crosses, and I'm pleased we've two men at the back who are good at cutting them out, Jeff Clarke and Rob Hindmarsh.

BOAM: Agreed, Jeff and Rob are two solid centre-backs. But a match like this brings out the best in the man they have to watch, Peter Withe. He is a player for the big occasion, aggressive, good in the air and on the ground, and is certain to be motivated by the derby atmosphere. Peter challenges defenders throughout the 90 minutes, and his refusal to be beaten is one of his biggest assets. He is a committed striker.

ELLIOTT: Two of our strikers, Alan Brown and John Hawley, have had bad luck with injuries, but in action this season, have shown they can put pressure on defenders. Alan has been in tremendous form, running at defences and getting fine goals. Mention of goals reminds me I think this game could be won by a margin of one — and I think Sunderland will score it. I'll admit I can't see us winning by 9-1, as Sunderland did in their record high-scoring derby against Newcastle in 1908.

BOAM: Well, there was a 6-0 victory to United against Sunderland in the 1950's, when United rattled the Sunderland woodwork on three occasions to rub it in. But I won't hazard a guess at the score-line, which is difficult to predict — though I do forecast a game with plenty of action, especially with the two best overlapping right-backs in the country in opposition

'This game could be won by the odd goal — and I believe we'll score it'
— **SHAUN ELLIOTT**

— Steve Whitworth of Sunderland, and United's John Brownlie. The outcome of this match could help to take one of the teams into the First Division, with a win for United boosting our morale up to the end of the season. I hope the importance of this derby is reflected in the quality of the play.

ELLIOTT: Yes, here's wishing that this meeting lives up to its billing. The fans at Roker, and from St. James' Park, are worth that much, at least.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Scottish Second

MEADOWBANK (2) 3 (Conroy, Jobson, Small)
E. FIFE (0) 1 (Cairns) 356

Friday, February 1

Fourth Division

CREWE (0) 1 (Nelson pen.)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 4 (Syrett, Cliss, Kellock 2)
Crawe: Grobbelaar; Lewis, Bowers, Hunter, Scott, Prophet, McMahon (Ashworth), Guy, Conroy, Palios, Nelson.
Peterborough: Waugh, Carmichael, Phillips, Guy, Slough, Foster, Quow, Kellock, Cliss, Syrett, Cassells.

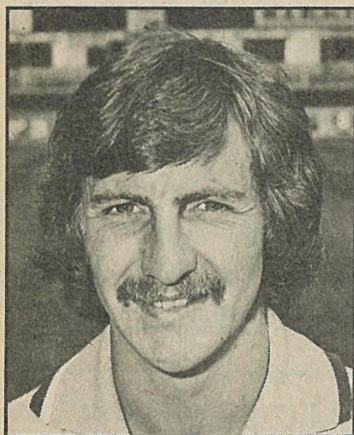
ROCHDALE v TORQUAY postponed

Saturday, February 2

First Division

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Cowans, Mortimer)
C. PALACE (0) 0 29,469
Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw.
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Kember, Cannon, Boyle, Nicholas, Francis (Swindlehurst), Fenwick, Flanagan, Hilaire.

DERBY (1) 1 (Powell, B.)
MAN. UTD. (1) 3 (Thomas, McIlroy, Powell (B) o.g.) 27,783
Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Daly, Webb, Osgood, Powell (S), Powell (B), Biley, (McCaffrey), Davies, Emson.
Man. Utd.: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Jovanovic (Grimes), Jordan, Macari, Thomas.



Derby county's Barry Powell.

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Wark pen.)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Stevens) 22,494
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Brighton: Moseley, Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, Ryan (Stevens), Ward, Clarke, Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Lee)
W.B.A. (1) 3 (Regis, Barnes 2) 32,904
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, Donachie, Booth, Caton, Reid, Henry, Daley, Robinson, Power, Lee.
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Moses, Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.

STOKE (0) 1 (Rodgers o.g.)
BRISTOL C. (0) 0 14,510
Stoke: Fox; Evans, Johnson (P), Irvine, Smith, Dodd, Heath, Richardson, Chapman, Crooks, Cook.
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Whitehead, Tainton, Rodgers, Kenyon, Pritchard, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie (Doyle), Sweeney, Garland.

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0 37,155
Tottenham: Daines; Hughton, Miller, Yorath, McAllister, Naylor, Ardiles, Pratt, Armstrong, Hoddle, Taylor.
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Waldron, Baker, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.

WOLVES (0) 0
EVERTON (0) 0 21,663
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daniel, Hughes, Berry, Hibbitt, Carr, Gray, Clarke, Eves.
Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Stanley, Lyons, Wright, Megson, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.

BOLTON v COVENTRY; LIVERPOOL v LEEDS, MIDDLESBROUGH v ARSENAL and NOTTM FOREST v NORWICH postponed

Second Division

BRISTOL R (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 5,394
Bristol R: Thomas; Jones, Cooper, Aitken, Taylor, Prince, Barrowclough, Williams, Penny, Mabbitt, Pulis.
Cambridge: Webster, Donaldson, Smith, Stringer, Falon, O'Neill, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins, Finney.

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Burke, James)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Gale) 6,902
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Jakub, Burke, Overson (V), Rodaway, James, Dobson, Hamilton, Cavenor, Smith.
Fulham: Peyton; Peters, Strong, Money, Banton, Gale, Gayle, Beck, Davies (Guthrie), Maybank, Greenaway.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Lewis)
WATFORD (0) 0 7,995
Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Hughes (Stevens), Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Harrison, Patching, Sims, Bolton, Booth, Blissett, Jenkins, Train, Rostron.

CHARLTON (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Gemmill) 6,821
Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Madden, Ambrose, Berry, Hazell, Jacobsen (Powell), Ostergaard, Hales, Walker, Gritt.
Birmingham: Wealands, Lees, Broadhurst, Curbishley, Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston (Lyne).

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Langley 2)
SHREWSBURY (3) 4 (Dungworth 2, Atkins, Keay pen.) 18,120
Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Bumstead (Johnson), Droy, Chivers, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Walker, Harris.
Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Smith pen.)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 22,549
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kelly, May, O'Neill, Lineker, Henderson (Welsh), Young, Wilson, Smith.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies (Rafferty), Cassidy, Barton, Boam, Shoulder, Cartwright, Withe, Carney, Connolly.
LUTON (0) 2 (Saxby, Hatton)
NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Donaghy o.g.) 9,007
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Greulich (White), Saxby, Price, Hill, West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.
Notts Co: Avramovic; Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Stubbs, Blockley, McCulloch (Docherty), Masson, Christie, Hooks, Mair.

ORIENT (3) 4 (Jennings 2, Mayo, Taylor pen.)
WREXHAM (0) 0 4,469
Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Hughton, Chiedoie, Jennings, Mayo, Margerrison, Coates.
Wrexham: Davies; Darracott, Kenworthy, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus.

PRESTON (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Stainrod) 8,932
Preston: Tunks; Taylor, McAteer, Doyle, Anderson, O'Riordan, Bell, Haslegrave, Elliott, McGee (Coleman), Bruce.
Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Blair, Valentine, Halom, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.

Q.P.R. (2) 3 (Allen, Goddard 2)
SWANSEA (1) 2 (Wicks o.g., Toshack) 11,153
Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Gillard (Wallace), McCreery, Wicks, Roeder, Goddard, Waddock, Allen, Currie, Burke.
Swansea: Letheran; Marustik, Rushbury, Charles, Phillips, Giles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Callaghan (Robinson).

SUNDERLAND v WEST HAM postponed

Third Division

EXETER (2) 2 (Roberts, L., Rogers, P.)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Lyons) 4,538
Exeter: Main; Mitchell, Hatch, Hore, Giles, Roberts (P), Roberts (L), Rogers (P), Bell, Delve, Pullar.
Millwall: Jackson, Coleman, Roberts, Mehmet (Kinsella), Tagg, Blyth, Towner, Seassman, Mitchell, Lyons, Chatterton.

GRIMSBY (1) 5 (Brolly, Drinkell 2, Kilmore, Saloman o.g.)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Phillips) 9,560

GRIMSBY: Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wiggington, Crombie, Brolly, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming (Ford).
Brentford: Bond; Shrubbs, Tucker (Harding), Salaman, Kruse, Fraser, Carlton, Graham, Alder, Holmes (L), Phillips.

OXFORD (3) 3 (Cooke 2, Fogg)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Pollard) 2,871
Oxford: Brown; Fogg, Watson, Briggs, McIntosh, Jeffrey, Taylor, Brock, Cooke, Berry, McGrogan.
Mansfield: Arnold; Dawkins, Wood (Miller), Curtis, Bird, McClelland, Pollard, Allen, Austin, Mann, Hamilton.

SHEFF. WED. (2) 3 (Smith 2 pens., Curran)
COLCHESTER (0) 0 11,958
Sheff. Wed: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Mellor, McCulloch, Curran.
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Hodge (Evans), Rowles, Foley, Lee, Allinson.

SOUTHELD (0) 0
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Crawford) 4,243
Southend: Cawston; Moody, Yates, Cusack, Hadley, Dudley, Otulakowski, Pountney, Parker, Spence, Gray.
Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherton, Parkes, Garner, McKenzie, Crawford.
BARNLEY v SHEFF. UTD., CARLISLE v READING, CHESTER v GILLINGHAM, CHESTERFIELD v SWINDON, HULL v BURY, ROTHERHAM v BLACKPOOL, WIMBLEDON v PLYMOUTH postponed.

Fourth Division

ALDRERSHOT (1) 1 (Needham)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Hamilton) 3,130
Aldershot: Johnson; Edwards, Wooler, Dixon, Bennett, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, French (Youlden), Needham, McGregor.
Darlington: Owers; Nattrass, Cochrane, Ball, Craig, Smith (Crosson), McLean, Hamilton, Stalker, Taylor, Walsh.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Butler, MacDougall)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 3,044
Bournemouth: Smeulders; Cunningham, Ferns, Holder, Townsend (Massey), Impey, Elliott, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller.
Stockport: Lawson; Thorpe, Sherlock, Bradd, Czuczman, Henson, Williams, Chapman, Sword, Prudham, Coyle.

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Lister)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Harford) 3,627
Doncaster: Peacock; Russell, Snodin, Lister, Dowd, Lally, Little, Flanagan, Warboys, Packer (Lewis), Riley.
Lincoln: McManus; Thompson, Neale, Shipley, Peake, Carr, Hobson, Keeley, Harford, Cunningham, Bell.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Newton, Houchen)
WALSALL (0) 2 (Buckley, Penn) 4,576
Hartlepool: Burleigh; Sweeney, Carr, Lawrence, Fagan, Ayre (Houchen), Linacre, Gorry, Newton, Harding, Hampton.
Walsall: Green; Macken, Mower, Sbragia, Serella, Paul, Penn (Rees), Williams, McDonough, Buckley, Caswell.

HEREFORD (0) 2 (Marshall, Binney)
HALIFAX (0) 0 2,814
Hereford: Hughes; Price, Burrows, Spiring, Layton, Thomas, McGrellis, Marshall, Binney, Jones, White.
Halifax: Kilner; Dunleavy, Hutt, Evans, Harris, Hendrie, Allatt, Kennedy, Burke, Goodman, Stafford.

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Sargent, Gage, Bowen)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Woolfall) 1,946
Northampton: Poole; Farrington, Sandercock, Byatt, Gage, Ward, Denyer, Sandy, Sargent, Bowen, McCaffrey.
Port Vale: Dance; Keenan, Griffiths, Elsbey, Delgado, Sproson, Chamberlain (N), Farrell, Wright, Bromage (Beech), Woolfall.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Todd)
TRANMERE (1) 1 (Peplow) 12,821
Portsmouth: Mellor; James, Viney (Todd), Brisley, Aizlewood, Ellis, Gregory, Laidlaw, Hemmerman, Bryant, Rogers.
Tranmere: Johnson; Parry, Mungall, Bramhall, Edwards, Evans, O'Neill, Craven, Kelly, Beamish, Peplow.

YORK (0) 1 (Methven o.g.)
WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton, Corrigan) 2,400
York: Crawford; Kay, Walsh, McGhie, Faulkner, Clements, Randall, Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, Loggie (Ferebee).
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Brownbill, Urquhart.

BRADFORD v NEWPORT, HUDDERSFIELD v SCUNTHORPE postponed

Scottish Premier

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Redford)
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (Hamilton, Jarvie 2) 7,661
Dundee: Donaldson; Barr, Schaedler, Millar, Glennie, Shirra, Fletcher, Mackie, Pirie, Redford, Murphy.
Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Rougvie, McLeish, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Jarvie, Hamilton, Bell, Scanlon.
CELTIC v ST. MIRREN, KILMARNOCK v RANGERS, MORTON v DUNDEE UTD, PARTICK v HIBS postponed

Scottish First

BERWICK (0) 0
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Sharp 2) 962
AIRDRIE v CLYDEBANK, ARBROATH v STIRLING, DUNFERMLINE v AYR, HEARTS v RAITH, MOTHERWELL v HAMILTON, ST JOHNSTONE v CLYDE postponed

Scottish Second

STRANRAER (0) 0
FORFAR (2) 3 (Clark, Mitchell, Gallacher) 400
ALBION v E. STIRLING, ALLOA v MEADOWBANK, BRECHIN v MONTROSE, E. FIFE v STENHOUSEMUIR, FALKIRK v COWDENBEATH, Q & S v QUEEN'S PARK postponed

Bass Irish Cup

(First Round)

BALLYMENA UNITED (0) 1 (McQuiston)
BANGOR (0) 1 (McCoubrey pen.)
Ballymena Utd: White; Beattie, Fox, McCullough, Jackson, McCall, Mullan (P), Sloan, McQuiston, Malone, Mullan (G).
Bangor: Nicholson; Cummings, Feeney, Radcliffe (Rollings), Harrison, Bowden, Lennox, McLoughlin, McKimm, McCoubrey, Duddy.

CLIFTONVILLE (0) 1 (Mills)
PORTADOWN (0) 2 (Campbell, Gardiner)
Cliftonville: Johnston; Mills, Largey, Flanagan, Quinn, McCurry, McCusker, McAteer, Adair (O'Connor), Hewitt, Holden.
Portadown: McCollum; Smyth, Edgar, Topley, Kilburn, Cleary, Gordon, Gardiner, Alexander, Campbell, Quinn.

COLERAINE (3) 8 (Platt 3, Moffatt 3, Dixon 2)
BALLYCLARE COMRADES (0) 1 (D McKenzie)
Coleraine: Magee; McNutt, McDowell, Beckett, Hutson, Mahon, McConachie, Healey, Platt, Dickson, Moffatt.
Ballyclare Comrades: Halliday; Todd (T), McKenzie (D J), Lowry, Smylie, McKenzie (D), Fenning, Woods, Todd (B), Higgins, Acheson.



Julian Marshall of Hereford.

CRUSADERS (1) 1 (Byrne)
STRANMILLS COLLEGE (0) 0
Crusaders: McDonald; Thompson, Gorman, Mulhall, Gillespie, McDolin, Whiteside (Kennedy), Currie, Byrne, King, Rice.
Stranmills College: Dale; Gowdy, McBride, Nesbitt (Millar), Shields, Barrett, Kerr, Mills, Barr, McGavock, Hough.

LARNE (0) 1 (Higgins)
GLENTORAN (0) 1 (Jameson)
Larne: Coburn; McManus, Cleland, Graham, Carland, Donaghy, Hardy, Clark, Doran, McAuley, Higgins.
Glentoran: Matthews; Dougan, Carson, Walsh (Irvine), Moore, Gracey, McFall, McCreery, Houston, Porter, Jameson.

LINFIELD (2) 3 (Anderson 2, Dornan)
DISTILLERY (1) 1 (McMinn)
Linfield: Dunlop; Garrett, Hayes, Jameson, Rafferty, McKeown, Nixon (Murray), McKee, Feeney, Dornan, Anderson.
Distillery: Smyth; Andrews, McGreevy, Keatley, McElhinney, McAuley, Kerr, Cowden, Richardson, McMinn, McAlinden, McClurkin.

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS...

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY (0) 0
GLENAVON (2) 4 (Armstrong 2, Kane, Denver)
Queen's Univ: Harding; Crumme, Bruns, Jennings, Cullen, McCoy, Magee, Connolly, Anderson, Burke (Sweeney), Henderson.
Glenavon: Lennox; Davey, Quinn, Sheppard, Stitt, Donnelly, McDonald, Denver, Armstrong, Tully, O'Kane (Kane).

R.U.C. (2) 4 (Bell 3, McCartney)
ARDS (0) 0
R.U.C.: Peden; McKee, Cooley, Keatley, Crozier, Gardiner, Alexander, Crowe, Bell, McCartney, McFarren.
Ards: Craig; Walker, Cromie, Cullen, McCoy, Gibson, Hewitt, Martin, Foster, Allely, Maxwell.

Sunday, February 3

League of Ireland

BOHEMIANS (0) 1 (McCormack)
HOME FARM (1) 2 (Archbold, King (pen))
Bohemians: Byrne (W); Gregg, Brady, Nolan, Keogh, O'Riordan, Kelly, McCormack, Byrne (M), Lawless (Cowie), Joyce.
Home Farm: Finnerty; Maher, King, Breslin, Brady, Williams, Cervi, Neville, O'Neill (Thomas), Archbold, McCluskey.

CORK UNITED (0) 0
SLIGO ROVERS (0) 1 (Bradley)
Cork Utd: Lennox; Punch, Sheehan, Keane, Brohan, Waters (O'Donovan), Nodwell, Neiland, Lane (J), McCahey, Lane (R).
Sligo Rovers: Patterson; Fielding, Rutherford, Stenson, O'Doherty, Patton, Kennedy (McLoughlin), Fagan, Kavanagh, Bradley, Skeffington (Mannion).

DROGHEDA UNITED (1) 1 (Campbell (pen))
UCD (1) 2 (Cassidy 2)
Drogheda Utd: Forrestal; Campbell, Cameron, Abbott, Ferguson, Byrne, Doran, Martin, Tuite, Leach, Carthy.
UCD: McCabe; Courtney, Fox, Doyle, McDonnell, McGovern, Cassidy, Moran, Drury, Dignam, Murphy.

FINN HARPS (0) 0
DUNDALK (0) 0
Finn Harps: McDermott; Ferry, Monagle, McDowell, Sheridan, Duffy, Logan, McCool, McGrory, Minnock, McGroarty.
Dundalk: Blackmore; McConville, Lawlor, Keely (Mangan), Dunning, Flanagan, Byrne, Devine, Crawley, Braddish, Carley (Daly).

GALWAY ROVERS (0) 0
LIMERICK UNITED (1) 2 (Duggan, Walsh)
Galway Rovers: Ward; Herrick, Sheehan (Daly), Murphy, McDaid, McLaughlin, Cooke (Gaynor), Mannion, Quinlivan, Bonner, Collins.
Limerick Utd: Fitzpatrick; Nolan, O'Mahony, Storan, Fitzgerald, Hand, Meaney, Walsh, Morris (Kennedy), Delamere, Duggan.

THURLES TOWN (0) 0
ATHLONE TOWN (0) 0
Thurles Town: Dalton; Doran, Lyons, O'Brien, Tierney, McQuaid (Jenkins), Heffernan, Lawson, Sheehy, Steedman, Ingoldby.
Athlone Town: Smyth; Feniuk, Smith, Fullam, McCue, O'Connor, Wyse, Clarke, Salmon, Davis, Delvin.

WATERFORD (1) 1 (Jameson o.g.)
ST PATRICK'S ATH (0) 1 (Barron)
Waterford: Thomas; O'Mahony, Gardiner, Finucane, Dunphy, Meagan (Coady), Kirk, Madigan, Wallace, McCarthy, Keane (Carey).
St Pat's Ath: Grace; Higgins, Kearney, Malone, Roche, Doyle, O'Neill (O'Connor), Wright, Jameson, Hynes, Barron.

SHELBORNE v SHAMROCK ROVERS postponed

Tuesday, February 5

European Super Cup

(second leg)
BARCELONA (1) 1 (Roberto pen.)
NOTTMOORE FOREST (1) 1 (Burns)
(FOREST WON 2-1 on aggregate)
Barcelona: Artola; Estrella, Miqueli, Olmo, Serrat, Rubio, Simonsen, Sanchez, Roberto, Asensi, Carrasco.
Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gray, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Francis (O'Neill), Bowles, Birtles, George, Robertson.

Third Division

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Finney)
BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Branagan, Garner 2)
Rotherham: Mountford; Forrest, Breckin, Tiler, Stancliffe, Green, Gooding, Rhodes (McEwan), Dawson, Fern, Finney.
Blackburn: Arnold; Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Crawford (Coughlin), Garner, McKenzie, Parkes.

SHEFF. WED (3) 5 (Curran 3, Taylor, Smith pen.)
BURY (0) 1 (Madden pen.)
Sheff. Wed: Bolder; Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Pickering, Hornsby, Taylor, Johnson, Mellor, McCulloch, Curran.
Bury: Forrest; Constantine (Cruickshank), Kennedy, McIlwraith, Lugg, Waddington, Maddon, Wilson, Johnson, Hilton, Taylor.

GILLINGHAM v CHESTERFIELD; postponed.
FOURTH DIVISION: DARLINGTON v BRADFORD C. HALIFAX v STOCKPORT; postponed.

Wednesday, February 6

European Championship

ENGLAND (1) 2 (Keegan 2)
REP OF IRELAND (0) 0 (at Wembley) 90,299
England: Clemence; Cherry, Sanson, Thompson, Watson, Robson, Keegan, McDermott, Johnson (Coppell), Woodcock, Cunningham.
Rep of Ireland: Peyton (Healey), Hughton, Grimes, Lawrenson, O'Leary (D) (O'Leary P), Brady, Daly, Grealish, Heighway, Stapleton, O'Brien.

Third Division

OXFORD (2) 2 (Taylor, Brock)
SWINDON (2) 2 (Mayes, Carter)
Oxford: Brown, Fogg, Watson, Briggs, McIntosh, Jeffrey, Taylor, Brock, Clarke, Berry, McGrogan.
Swindon: Allan; Lewis, Stroud, McHale, Tucker, Carter, Miller, Kamara, Rowland, Mayes, Williams.

Fourth Division

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Keeley, Cunningham)
HEREFORD (0) 0
Lincoln: McManus; Thompson, Neale, Shipley, Peake, Carr, Hobson, Keeley, Hartford, Cunningham, Bell.
Hereford: Hughes; Thomas, Burrows, Spiring, Layton, Stephens, McGrellis, Marshall, Binney, Jones (Holmes), White.

WIGAN (1) 2 (Houghton, Wright)
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (MacDougall)
Wigan: Brown; Fretwell, Hinnigan, Gore, Methven, Davids, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Brownhill, Urquhart.
Bournemouth: Smeulders; Cunningham, Ferns, Bryant, Moore, Holder, Heffernan, MacDougall, Butler, Evanson, Miller (Chambers).

Friday, February 8

Third Division

COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Gough, Foley)
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Dowman o.g.)
Colchester: Walker; Wright, Packer, Leslie, Wignall, Dowman, Rowles, Gough, Foley, Lee, Cook.
Grimsb'y: Batch; Stone, Moore (K), Waters, Wigginton, Crombie, Ford, Kilmore, Drinkell, Mitchell, Brolly.

Fourth Division

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Prudham)
YORK (0) 0
Stockport: Lawson; Thorpe, Sherlock, Henson, Bradd, Czuczman, Booth, Prudham, Sword, Chapman, Coyle.
York: Crawford; Kay, Walsh, Pugh, Faulkner, Clements, Randall (Loggie), Lorimer, Eccles, McDonald, McGhie.

Saturday, February 9

First Division

ARSENAL (1) 3 (Sunderland 2, Rix)
ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Mortimer)
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Price, Rix.
Aston Villa: Rimmer; Swain, Gibson, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Little, Donovan, Cowans, Shaw (Geddis).
COVENTRY (0) 0
MAN. CITY (0) 0
Coventry: Blyth; Coop, McDonald, Gooding, Dyson, Gillespie, English, Wallace (Bannister), Thompson, Blair, Hutchison.
Man. City: Corrigan; Ranson, Donachie, Henry, Caton, Booth, Mackenzie, Daley, Robinson, Power, Bennett.

C. PALACE (0) 0
STOKE (0) 1 (Chapman)
C. Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Nicholas, Cannon, Gilbert, Kember, Fenwick (Murphy), Swindlehurst, Flanagan, Hilaire.
Stoke: Fox; Evans, Johnson (P), Doyle, Smith, Dodd, Heath, Richardson, Chapman, Crooks, Irvine.

EVERTON (0) 0
IPSWICH (1) 4 (Mariner, Brazil 2, Gates)
Everton: Hodge; Gidman, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, O'Keefe, Megson, Eastoe, Latchford, Hartford, McBride.



Kevin Keegan scores his second goal for England against the Republic of Ireland.

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Beattie, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark (O'Callaghan), Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

LEEDS (1) 2 (Hird pen., Graham)
BOLTON (1) 2 (Whatmore, Greaves)
Leeds: Lukic; Cherry, Hampton, Flynn, Greenhoff, Madeley, Hankin, Hird, Connor, Hanson, Graham.
Bolton: McDonagh; Clement, Walsh, Greaves, Allardice, Gowing (Burke), Morgan, Whatmore, Carter, Cantello, Reid.

MAN. UTD (0) 0
WOLVES (1) 1 (Eves)
Man. Utd: Bailey; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Buchan, Coppell, Wilkins (Grimes), Jordan, Macari, Thomas.
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, McAlle, Berry, Daniel, Hibbitt (Brazier), Carr, Gray, Richards, Eves.

MIDDLESBROUGH (2) 3 (Burns, Ashcroft, Armstrong)
DERBY (0) 0
Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Johnson, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Burns (Nattrass), Armstrong.
Derby: McKellar; Langan, Buckley, Osgood, McFarland, Webb, McCaffrey, Daly, Biley, Davies, Powell (B) (Emson).

NORWICH (2) 3 (Peters, Reeves, Fashanu)
LIVERPOOL (2) 5 (Fairclough 3, Dalglish, Case)
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Downs, Ryan, Brown, Jones, Mendham (McGuire), Reeves, Fashanu, Paddon, Peters.
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Case, Fairclough, McDermott, Lee.

NOTTMOORE FOREST (0) 0
BRISTOL C (0) 0
Nottm Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Gunn, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowles, Birtles, George, Robertson.
Bristol C: Cashley; Sweeney, Whitehead, Tainton, Rodgers, Merrick, Fitzpatrick, Ritchie, Royle, Pritchard, Doyle.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 5 (Watson, Channon, Boyer, Holmes, Hebbard)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Ward)
Southampton: Wells; Golac, Waldron, Baker, Watson, Nicholl, Ball, Boyer, Channon, Holmes, Hebbard.
Brighton: Moseley; Gregory, Williams, Horton, Foster, Suddaby, Ryan, Ward, Clark (McNab), Lawrenson, O'Sullivan.

W.B.A. (1) 2 (Regis 2)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hodde)
W.B.A.: Godden; Batson, Pendrey, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Owen, Barnes.
Tottenham: Daines; Hughton, Miller, Yorath, McAllister, Naylor, Ardies, Jones, Armstrong, Hoddle, Villa.

Second Division

BIRMINGHAM (3) 3 (Bertschin 3)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Mayo)
Birmingham: Wealdens; Broadhurst, Dennis, Curbishley, Gallagher, Towers, Ainscow, Worthington, Bertschin, Gemmill, Johnston (Lyne).
Orient: Day; Fisher, Roffey, Taylor, Gray, Hughton, Chiodzie, Margerrison (Moore), Jennings, Mayo, Coates.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Reilly, Finney)
CARDIFF (0) 0
Cambridge: Webster; Turner, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, O'Neill, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly, Gibbins (Christie), Finney.
Cardiff: Healey; Grapes, Hughes (Stevens), Campbell, Pontin, Thomas, Lewis, Bishop, Moore, Ronson, Buchanan.

FULHAM (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 0
Fulham: Peyton; Peters, Strong, Money, Banton, Gale, Gayle, Beck, Kitchen, Maybank, Lock.
Leicester: Wallington; Williams, Rofe, Kelly, May, O'Neill, Lineker (Strickland), Henderson, Young, Wilson, Smith.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Halom 2)
LUTON (1) 1 (Moss)
Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Kowenicki, Clements, Blair, Valentine, Halom, Steel, Stainrod, Atkinson.
Luton: Findlay; Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, Saxby, Price, Hill (White), West, Stein, Hatton, Moss.

SHREWSBURY (1) 3 (Biggins, Dungworth, King)
CHARLTON (0) 1 (Shaw)
Shrewsbury: Wardle; King, Leonard, Turner, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Dungworth, Maguire.
Charlton: Johns; Shaw, Madden, Campbell, Berry, Hazell, Ostergaard, Ambrose, Hales (Churchouse), Jacobsen, Walker.

SUNDERLAND (2) 5 (Cummins 4, Arnott)
BURNLEY (0) 0
Sunderland: Turner; Whitworth, Bolton, Clarke, Hindmarch, Elliott, Arnott, Marangoni, Brown, Robson, Cummins.
Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Jakub, Burke, Overson (V), Rodaway, James, Dobson, Hamilton, Cavenor, Smith.

SWANSEA (0) 0
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Hooks)
Swansea: Letheran; Robinson, Rushbury, Giles, Stevenson, Charles, Craig, James, Waddle, Toshack, Callaghan.
Notts Co: Avramovic; Benjamin, O'Brien, Blockley, Stubbs, Hunt, Christie, Masson, Hooks, Doherty, Mair.

WATFORD (0) 2 (Jenkins, Blissett)
CHELSEA (2) 3 (Britton, Johnson, Walker)
Watford: Steele; Henderson, Pritchett, Train, Sims, Bolton, Rostron, Blissett, Poskett, Patching, Jenkins.
Chelsea: Borota; Locke, Sparrow, Chivers, Droy, Harris, Britton, Fillery, Langley, Johnson, Walker.

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Pearson, Hazell o.g.)
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Goddard)
West Ham: Parkes; Lampard, Brush, Pike, Martin, Stewart, Allen, Devonshire, Cross, Brooking, Pearson.
Q.P.R.: Woods; Shanks, Gillard, McCreery, Wicks, Hazell, Goddard, Roeder, Allen, Currie, Burke (Waddock).

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Sutton)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Wrexham: Davies; Darracott, Kenworthy, Davis, Jones, Fox, Vinter, Sutton, Edwards, McNeil, Carrodus.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Brownlie, Davies, Cassidy, Cropley, Boam, Shoulder (Rafferty), Cartwright, Withe, Carney, Connolly.

BRISTOL R v. PRESTON postponed

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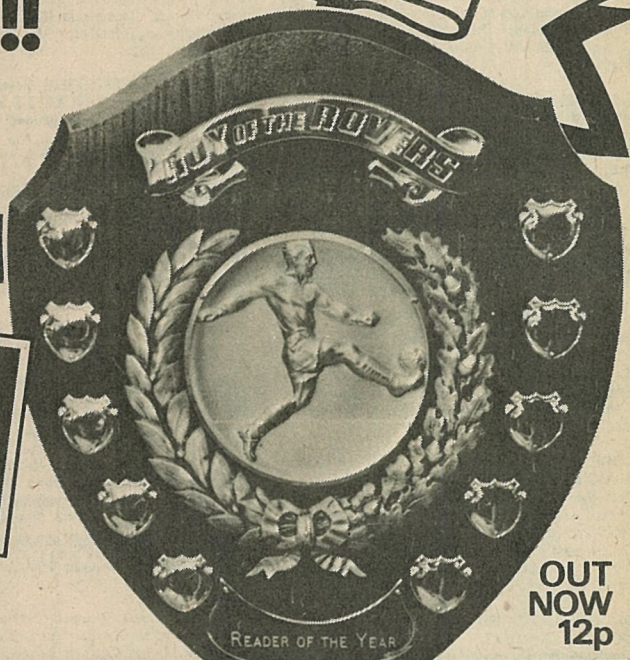
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1 After treating an injured man the trainer leaves a bottle of water with another player to pass round to his team-mates during play. Is this allowed?



2 An attacker in the penalty-area is about to shoot for goal, when you see a defender pulling his shirt from behind. Should you award: (a) an indirect free-kick for obstruction, or (b) a penalty?



3 A substitute shouts abuse at you following a penalty decision against his team. Can you take action against him?



4 At a corner-kick a goalkeeper stands in front of an attacker and by using his arms, prevents the opponent from reaching the ball. Should you award: (a) a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) take no action?



A player takes a corner-kick before you signal the kick to be taken. Should you order the kick to be retaken?

ANSWERS

1. No. 2. A penalty (b). 3. Yes. 4. A penalty (a). 5. Yes.

JOHN BROGAN

another Bobby Lennox

CELTIC have been closely linked with St. Johnstone striker John Brogan whose goalscoring exploits this season have been as spectacular as they have been consistent.

It's hardly surprising, though, for St. Johnstone manager Alex Stuart reckons his star forward is another Bobby Lennox.

He says: "He's got the same nose for goals, always popping up in dangerous positions and putting pressure on defences. He is as quick as lightning in the penalty area.

"And, like Bobby Lennox, he has a great appetite for the game. His enthusiasm rubs off on other players around him. I can pay him no higher compliment."

Celtic boss Billy McNeill gave Lennox yet another chance to show his worth in the Parkhead firing squad and the 37-year-old fleet-footed forward has astonished even his greatest critics with some marvellous displays this season.

But there must come a day when Lennox will have to hang up those shooting boots and it is going to take a player of immense quality to fill them. John Brogan? Celtic boss McNeill plays everything close to his chest, but he can't fail to have been impressed with the consistency of Brogan who is heading towards a haul of at least 30 goals this season.

'Goalscorer'

Dundee United and Aberdeen have also watched Brogan, but Alex Stuart says: "I'm surprised no-one has made an offer for the player. I don't want to lose him, obviously, but I know he could continue to score goals at a higher level. He is a natural goalscorer — it's as simple as that."

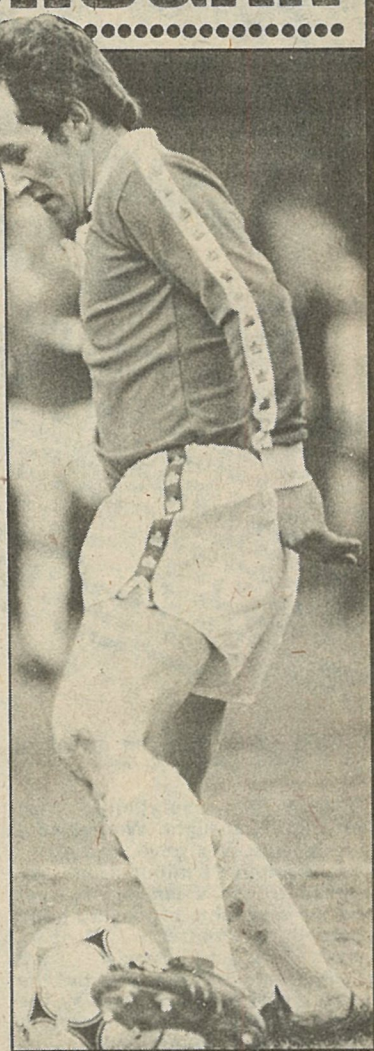
"Obviously I would like to try my luck in full-time soccer," says Brogan. "At the moment I live in Hamilton and manage to train one night a week with the St. Johnstone lads in Perth and another night in Glasgow."

"I wouldn't call that ideal preparation for a game on a Saturday, would you?"

The question answers itself.

Brogan adds: "I started this season determined to hit 20 goals. I set myself that target and I was delighted not only to reach it but pass it. Now I want to hit 30 goals or more and I'm fairly optimistic of achieving my goal."

Goals, in fact, are the name of the game to Brogan. In his first three seasons with the Perth Saints he rattled in 57 and in four



years with Albion Rovers before that he hit 45 goals. It's an impressive average for a youngster.

"I try not to think about transfers when I'm playing," says Brogan, "that would just unsettle me and upset my game and I don't want that to happen. I push them into the background and just hope that someone is impressed enough to make an offer."

Managers have certainly been impressed by Brogan and former international supremo Ally MacLeod, now boss of Motherwell, of course, has no hesitation in saying: "Brogan is the best striker in the First Division."

Those words are generally backed up by other managers and players and one rival defender says: "It's useless trying to mark Brogan. He is never in one place long enough for you to catch up with him. He is constantly on the go..."

It seems that if Brogan continues to wallop shots and headers past helpless goalkeepers with his recent authority and consistency then he really will be on the go!

Certainly it would be ironic if the 'new' Bobby Lennox replaced the 'old' Bobby Lennox at Parkhead...

OLÉ Matador Mario's back in the goal business

ASK any of the Valencia players to name their best performance of the season and, to a man, they'll single out their 3-1 Cup-Winners' Cup victory at Ibrox not only as a great win but also as a turning point in the team's fortunes. And Mario Kempes, weighing in with two brilliantly-taken goals, gave the Rangers fans the impression that he'd simply been carrying on where he left off in the 1978 World Cup Final. But, as **SHOOT** readers will know, Mario's World Cup hangover lasted the whole of the 78-79 season, when he turned in disappointing figures of 19 goals in 48 matches and finished 66th place in the Spanish ratings. This term Kempes is back among the front-runners in the Spanish goal-charts, and has hit six goals in Cup-Winners' Cup matches. **SHOOT** was recently in Valencia to ask Mario about his sudden return to top form.

SHOOT: Was that the match in Glasgow a turning point?

KEMPES: Yes, everything turned out right that night. We fielded a strong side. We gave everything for the whole 90 minutes. And we proved to the Valencia fans that we were capable of playing good football. Admittedly Rangers aren't anything special. Their trophy room is impressive, but the team is very ordinary. Anyway, the result was an important psychological boost and even though we're not a great team at least we've improved our position in the Spanish League.

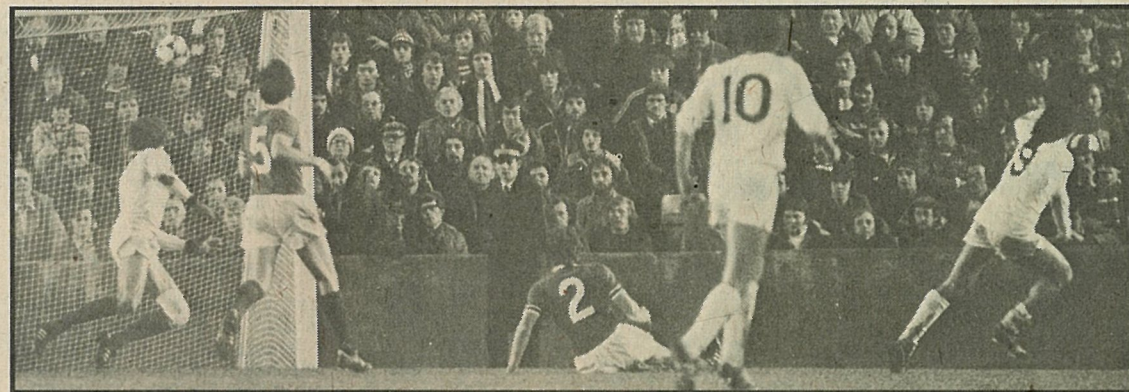
SHOOT: You've talked about the team in general, but what about your personal change of fortunes, Mario?

KEMPES: Yes, since then I've been averaging a goal a game and I feel much better than last season. I know it sounds an easy excuse, but I was absolutely saturated with football after the World Cup and you have to live with the pressures to understand them. People said that getting married upset my form, but that's rubbish. If anything, having a settled domestic life has been the thing that's kept me sane.

SHOOT: Why have you started scoring goals again this season?

KEMPES: I wish I could give you a straight answer, but every goal-scorer has good and bad runs that he finds hard to explain. Part of the trouble last season was that people expected miracles from me. And when you're being paid to score goals you get an uncomfortable feeling when you don't hit the net regularly. You know, sometimes I feel I haven't played all that well, but the fans are happy

because I've scored a goal or two. And other times I feel I've played well, but the Press and the fans don't agree simply because I haven't got my name on the score-sheet. I could talk and talk about possible reasons for good and bad runs, but something has just clicked in the last few months. I feel happier and there aren't so many pressures on me.



Mario Kempes (right) scores Valencia's third goal against Rangers in this season's Cup-Winners' Cup.

SHOOT: What about the special treatment you get from Spanish defenders — has this changed since the World Cup?

KEMPES: A little, yes. But Spanish teams have always played strict man-to-man defensive tactics. Maybe the difference is that when I first arrived in Spain a defender would let me go if I beat him. Now I've got a reputation as a finisher they do anything to make sure Kempes doesn't get past them. I get a fair number of knocks.

SHOOT: A year ago you were reduced to sneaking out of restaurants through the kitchens to avoid the hordes of pressmen. And you were front-page news in just about every magazine in Argentina and the rest of the world. Are you grateful that Diego Maradona has taken over your crown as Argen-

tina's Number One and taken some of the pressure off you?

KEMPES: I've never thought of it like that before! But there's an element of truth in it, I suppose. The Press really did become a big problem, and I believe Maradona has the character to withstand it. He's very young and I hope he doesn't get carried away with all the front-page treatment. No, I'm not at all jealous of his success. He's an excellent player and, what's more, he doesn't seem to have a superstar complex — he plays with humility and always thinks about the team as a whole.

SHOOT: How does he compare with Kempes?

KEMPES: Well, physically we're very different, so logically our style of play is very different, too. Direct comparisons are very difficult.

Let's just say I think we're both among the top players in our country.

SHOOT: We've talked about the World Cup, when you gained your world wide reputation as 'el matador' and about your bad patch last year. And your return to form at the moment. But what about your future? Do you feel that you've done everything in football? We remember Björn Borg saying he wants to go on winning and winning until he's acclaimed as the best tennis player of all time. What are your ambitions?

KEMPES: Of course I can't rival Borg, because I'm not a solo performer, but my future lies in the 1982 World Cup here in Spain. In the meantime I want to win as many titles as possible with Valencia, but my ambition is to play in a third World Cup — and play well. My first in Germany in 1974 was a disaster. The team was a shambles. So I didn't exactly have a reputation when the 1978 tournament started, and no one knew what to expect of me. Menotti had tremendous faith in me, and he had taken a big risk by bringing me back from Europe and putting me straight into the team. I was worried sick when I didn't score in the First Round matches, but after those two goals against Poland everything changed. So now if I'm selected for the 1982 World Cup, everything one will know all about Mario Kempes and I'll be a marked man. My ambition is to prove myself as one of the world's top strikers in spite of the special attention that opposing defences will give me.

SHOOT: You say "if you are selected." Do you think Maradona's arrival will put an end to your international career?

KEMPES: I sincerely hope not. I agree about Maradona — he's a must for the 1982 team. I don't think that I'm incompatible with Maradona. If anything, I could perhaps pull off some of the markers down the left flank and give Maradona more space. Let's just say I have blind faith in Menotti to come up with the right answers, and I hope and pray when he names his 1982 squad he doesn't forget me. My heart is set on representing my country in a third World Cup. It's the ambition for me. I can only keep scoring goals and hope.

● Interview by Graham Turner.

A LOT of Brazilian fans are delighted that World Cup striker Roberto 'Dynamite' is to join forces with Zico to form a deadly goalscoring tandem in the Flamengo attack. But Roberto's lightning departure from Barcelona after just 65 days has left Barca fans scratching their heads in bewilderment as a procession of players, directors and managers stream in and out of the club at a rate of knots — and they're angry that the club has lost a lot of money on the deal.

Rows

The Brazilian striker was hurriedly signed in January after Hans Krankl and Juan Carlos Heredia had both walked out on the club following rows with manager Joaquim Riffe. Barcelona president Josep Lluís Núñez paid Vasco da Gama £425,000 for Roberto's signature, and described his arrival in Spain as "a New Year present for our fans."

But the Spanish Press quickly began to describe 'Dynamite' as a Damp Squib, and 65 days after his arrival in Barcelona he was sold to Flamengo for £185,000.

Here's a blow-by-blow account of Roberto's brief playing career with the Spanish side:

BOB DYNAMITE WAS A DAMP SQUIB



Jan 19 Barcelona 2 Almería 0, scores twice (1 pen) in last ten minutes
Jan 27 Barcelona 2 Zaragoza 0, misses a penalty
Jan 30 Forest 1 Barcelona 0, unimpressive in Super Cup clash. Subbed 86th min.
Feb 3 Betis 2 Barcelona 1, anonymous
Feb 5 Barcelona 1 Forest 1, scores penalty, but Forest win on aggregate
Feb 10 Barcelona 0 Real Madrid 2, anonymous
Feb 17 Salamanca 1 Barcelona 1, unimpressive
Feb 24 Barcelona 0 Real Sociedad 0, jeered every time he touches ball
Feb 27 Barcelona 2, Real Sociedad 1 (Cup), subbed 80th min. Whistled off pitch
Mar 2 Hercules 1 Barcelona 1, pulled off at half-time
Mar 5 Barcelona 0 Valencia 1 (Cup-Winners' Cup), not eligible to play in Europe
Mar 9 Barcelona 0 Gijón 0, new manager Helenio Herrera pulls him off 64th min.
Mar 12 Real Sociedad 3 Barcelona 0 (Cup), dropped from team
Mar 13 Signs for Flamengo

So Roberto played just 11 matches in the maroon-and-blue stripes of Barcelona, scoring twice from the penalty spot and one solitary 'normal' goal.

His presence for 65 days cost the Catalan club £47,000 in salary, bonuses, compensation, legal fees and expenses, plus the £240,000 they lost on his transfer — which works out at the incredible sum of £26,090 per game, or £315 per minute. Each of his goals cost £95,666!

Bargain

But while the Catalan fans are weeping into their handkerchiefs at such a tragic waste of money, everyone else is cock-a-hoop. Vasco da Gama got a good price for Roberto's transfer to Spain; Flamengo are happy to have picked up an international-class striker at a bargain price; and Roberto himself is grinning all the way to the bank with his percentage of two transfer deals totalling around £80,000.

Barcelona may be the richest club in Europe, but the 65-day flirtation with 'Bob Dynamite' will go down in history as a classic case of 'easy come, easy go ...'

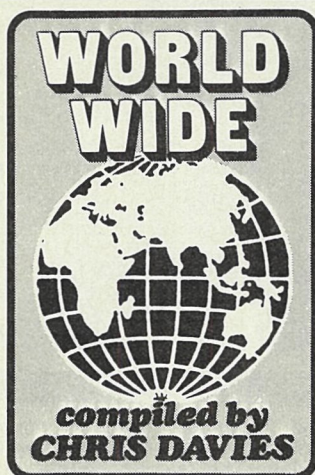
● Picture shows Roberto (left) in action against Real Sociedad.

PROBLEMS FOR THE RAT

PROBLEMS, problems, problems. That just about sums up the season so far for Boca Juniors. Deep in debt, bottom of the Argentine League and conceding more goals than any other team, they've now got serious problems with some of their star players.

A case in point is Heber Mastrángelo, the 32-year-old striker who accounts for a large proportion of Boca's goals. Mastrángelo has been faced with a tax demand for £6,500 and, although the Boca directors promised to pay it, they simply haven't got the spare cash.

In the meantime, Mastrángelo is at home sulking, and manager Antonio 'The Rat' Rattin says "There's no way I'm going to crawl round to his house and beg him to come back. It's about time he grew up — he's a big boy now ..."



THE CUP OF VIOLENCE — AGAIN

SOUTH America's Copa Libertadores is once again living up to its reputation as the most violent competition in the world — even though few of this season's matches have been played.

Group One of South America's equivalent to the European Cup pits Argentina's two representatives against two entries from Peru, and trouble started during Sporting Cristal's home game against Argentine double Champions River Plate.

The Peruvians looked to have the game sewn up with goals from Rojas and Uribe, but tempers got a little frayed when River hit back through Carrasco and J. J. López, and took a 3-2 lead through World Cup striker Leopoldo Luque.

At this point two of Sporting Cristal's World Cup internationals, goalkeeper Quiroga and defender Díaz, protested so violently that Chilean referee Gaston Castro sent them both off.

This sparked off a massive brawl, complete with crowd disturbances, and the match was suspended for 12 minutes. When tempers had cooled a little, the other nine Sporting Cristal players decided to join their team-mates in the dressing-rooms, and left the field!

The return match in Buenos Aires should be quite something!

Diego top star

ARGENTINA'S 'Wonder Boy' Diego Maradona has been acclaimed throughout the continent as South America's top player. He came out on top in one of the most widely-respected polls run by a newspaper in neutral Venezuela. For the record, here's their top ten of South America:

- 1 Diego Maradona
Argentinos Juniors (Argentina)
- 2 Romero
Cosmos (USA)
- 3 Falcao
Internacional Porto Alegre (Brazil)
- 4 Fillol
River Plate (Argentina)
- 5 Zico
Flamengo (Brazil)
- 6 Morena
Rayo Vallecano (Spain)
- 7 Caszely
Colo Colo (Chile)
- 8 Passarella
River Plate (Argentina)
- 9 Kempes
Valencia (Spain)
- 10 Ramón Díaz
River Plate (Argentina)



News flashes

Bayern Munich business manager Uli Hoeness told the German Press that if their fans want a super team they will have to support the club more regularly. To keep their stars they have to lay out a fortune in wages and bonuses but the fans only pack in for the big games. Against lowly teams like VfL Bochum with Bayern on top of the Bundesliga, only 15,000 turned up which is only 19 per cent of their ground's capacity.

Berti Vogts (below), the former popular captain of Borussia Mönchengladbach, is having a hard time as manager of West Germany's Under-21 team. Beating Scotland 1-0 was his first victory, but he appears to have a real find in midfield star Joachim Löw of SC Freiburg. More than half the Bundesliga clubs are after him with Bayern, Frankfurt and Stuttgart the favourites. In June Vogts is due to take his Under-21 team on a tour of China.



Both the East German F.A. Cup Semi-Finals went into extra-time. League leaders Dynamo Dresden crashed out to FC Carl Zeiss Jena after 120 minutes (1-1) and lost 4-3 on penalties. Jena will meet Rot Weiss Erfurt in the Final after they beat Lokomotive Leipzig 4-2 after extra-time.

Enzo Bearzot is seriously considering introducing Inter Milan's striking duo Altobelli and Beccalossi into the national team. After watching the professional team beat Turkey 2-0 in an Olympic game he told the Press he will give them a run out together before the European Championship Finals.

A SMALL but significant piece of news from Uruguay. Top club Peñarol have signed three South African players on trial. They're keen to be first to realise the potential of a hitherto untapped market, and with South Africa currently banned by F.I.F.A. from international soccer, Peñarol's new signings can be registered as Uruguayans.

If I read the regulations correctly, any South African playing in England would be registered as English, so I wonder how long it'll be before British clubs start looking seriously for bargains in the Southern Hemisphere?

LAST month saw the first-ever meeting of two English players in the Bundesliga when Tony Woodcock's FC Cologne played Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV. Chris Davies was in West Germany for this historic game.

"ONE TONY WOODCOCK ... there's only one Tony Woodcock." The fans in red-and-white chanted for their hero. It could have been the City Ground, Nottingham, but in fact it was FC Cologne's Mungersdorfer Stadium where Woody is every bit as popular as he was back in England.

The German supporters have even picked up the English soccer songs and the first-ever meeting of two English players in the Bundesliga had a very familiar ring about it, with English chanting and banners.

Not only was the match historic in this respect, with Cologne and Hamburger SV lying second and third behind Bayern Munich, it was one of the most significant League games of the season. Admission prices were even increased by 25 per cent to 'celebrate' this.

Just a few weeks before, Woodcock and Keegan had lined-up together for England; now, they were rivals on foreign soil. And while HSV won as good a game as I've ever seen to creep above Cologne in the Bundesliga, England's two German exiles were under considerable pressure off the field. Keegan arrived with the HSV team to their Cologne hotel the night before the game. He went to bed at nine and was a pale shadow of the bouncy K.K. who leads England.

For a start he had a heavy cold. "I'm not really fit to play," he told

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me on the morning of the match, "but we have a lot of injuries ..."

Kevin's main problems, though, have come since he announced he was joining Southampton. The last month in Hamburg has been just like his first: miserable, and recently the savage German Press have been sticking knives in the knives already in the player's back.

Keegan was noticeably tense,

and it wasn't pre-match nerves. "When you say you're leaving it's always the same. People start shooting at you. It's no different here."

There was a report in a paper that Kevin and Southampton had agreed to do a deal with Juventus. They paid HSV £500,000 and would then sell him to the Italian club for £2 million with Saints and Keegan splitting the difference.

When I confronted the journalist who had written this rubbish, he

"Woodcock is one of the most difficult players I've had to mark. It was important for HSV to keep him quiet." HSV's JIMMY HARTWIG (left).

shrugged his shoulders and said: "I get the information so I print it." A perfect example of the old Fleet Street joke of not letting the facts interfere with a good story.

Woodcock, too, has been under mounting pressure from the papers. After a bright start, at his own admission, two or three of his per-

formances have been disappointing. "We've still been picking up points," he says. "The players are very understanding. They realise I've had to change my whole lifestyle and it was bound to catch up on me. Not the Press. When I arrived I was 'the best player in the world', but when I went off the boil they put the boot in."

The England stars may not be in favour with the Press, but the fans still love them. Despite his problems, Keegan, as usual, signed every autograph at the hotel (which was a lot) and the Hamburg fans who had travelled to Cologne left us in no doubt who their Number One pin up was.

The match lived up to all expectations. It was the sort of game to satisfy both the supporters and the coaches; technical soccer with excitement.

HSV opened the scoring after 11 minutes. Manny Kaltz started the move with a long ball to Milewski, who combined with Hieronymus to enable Buljan to thunder a 25 yard shot past Schumacher in the Cologne goal.

Cologne hit back and Dieter Müller was unlucky to hit a post after turning brilliantly. Schuster broke from defence to give the impressive Littbarski a chance, but the winger's shot was bundled off



the line by an HSV defender.

Keegan was playing superbly, constantly losing his marker, Prestin, and was usually at the centre of every HSV attack. Woodcock, meanwhile, wasn't receiving such good service and his shadow, Hartwig, kept him in check.

In the 27th minute Keegan and Magath made space on the left and Magath's centre was headed home by Milewski. Two-nil.

In the 40th minute Keegan was tripped and referee Joos had no hesitation in awarding a penalty.

"I was pleased with the way Woodcock played. He did well. Schumacher's mistake cost us the goal, but he kept us in the game with so many fine saves previously." FC COLOGNE COACH HENNES WEISWEILER.

Up stepped Manny Kaltz to strike the ball firmly to Schumacher's right, but the Cologne goalkeeper dived to save. Cologne breathed again...

HSV were worthy of their lead. They'd shown that they had come to Cologne to attack, not defend, and this attitude was being rewarded.

Cologne had their moments, and Littbarski was looking dangerous on the right wing, but the HSV defence was doing a good job on Müller and Woodcock.

In the 62nd minute, Cologne coach Hennes Weisweiler made a decisive substitution. He took off the Japanese midfielder Okudera, who had spent the afternoon marking the overlapping Kaltz. Weisweiler sent on Willmer, a winger, whose penetrating runs forced the

"Tony Woodcock is very dangerous in attack and he's difficult to subdue for the entire 90 minutes. His dribbling is especially good. It was easier to stop Dieter Müller." HSV COACH BRANKO ZEBEC.

HSV full-back to concentrate on defence.

In the 73rd minute, Woodcock broke free and a 25-yard snapshot was just wide. Two minutes later, a long free-kick was forced in by Schuster after a mix-up in the HSV defence.

In the 79th minute Cologne nearly equalised when Strack's header trickled wide. Then, Dieter Müller saw his effort parried on to the crossbar by Kargus... the ball bounced again on the bar and went for a corner.

Just afterwards, Woodcock worked his way free on the left, looked up, saw Littbarski free and Woody's perfect cross gave the winger the chance he needed to make it 2-2.

Schuster brings down Keegan — penalty! But Kaltz's spot-kick was saved by Schumacher.



Drama in the Müngersdorfer Stadium... following Woodcock's centre, Littbarski equalises for Cologne.



Woody goes close as Cologne pile on the pressure.

HSV had settled for a draw. When Kaltz took a free-kick inside the Cologne half in the 87th minute, he hoofed it all the way back to his goalkeeper.

With the referee looking at his watch, another HSV free-kick was this time floated to the edge of the crowded Cologne penalty-area. Schumacher, spotting Keegan, came out of his goal to fist clear, but the ball bobbled to Hrubesch 30 yards out. With Schumacher hopelessly stranded, the HSV centre-forward drove the ball home.

There was more drama to come as a Cologne corner was headed on to his own bar by Hartwig. Seconds later the referee blew for time and HSV celebrated Cup Final fashion.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Bayern	26	15	6	5	53	26	+27	36
HSV	25	14	6	5	59	28	+31	34
Cologne	26	12	8	6	60	41	+19	32
Stuttgart	26	13	5	8	59	41	+18	31
Schalke 04	26	11	7	8	35	31	+4	29
Frankfurt	26	14	—	12	54	42	+12	28

Despite winning, Keegan was subdued as he and Woodcock waited to be interviewed on German T.V.

"I don't know what to think anymore... still, Tony did well, I was pleased for him. He's having the problem I did at first and that's knowing exactly where he fits in.

"Also, he can't understand how open the Bundesliga is. In England, it's easy to close a game down when you're in the lead. Over here you can't do it."

Woody was quiet, for different reasons. "After coming back like that we should never have allowed them to win. The last minute, too. Kevin was their best player. We're a young side and there's no substitute for experience. Maybe at the final reckoning that's why they won."

Back at the Cologne training camp after a meal Woody was ready to talk more.

"I'm enjoying my football here, even if I am having trouble with a couple of the papers. They seem to know more about me than I do. I

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even read my wife was pregnant last month.

"They say the reason I haven't played so well is that I attend too many autograph-hours. I've done four in three months. After I scored my first goal there was an 'exclusive interview' with me, but I didn't speak to anyone.

"Our apartment is near the home of the ex-president of Germany and recently there was a lot of security. I was stopped four times by the police for my driving licence, just routine. One paper printed the headline 'Woodcock in trouble with police' and had a picture of me drinking a glass of lager. It's got beyond a joke, but I must put all this out of my mind."

One magazine even published Tony's address — unthinkable in England — with the result that his privacy is threatened.

"I like the football here. It's open and exciting. The forwards are tightly marked, but with the right support you get round this. What I have found is that more goals are scored by midfielders and defenders coming through from deep. I've not been here long enough to make any real comparisons between the English and German League, although when I was home for Christmas I watched Forest play Aston Villa and it seemed so different. Twenty players were running around in an area of 30 yards and I thought 'did I used to play like that?'"

"Kevin told me that when he went to Hamburg the players asked him why, in England, teams use only one-third of the pitch.

"The language isn't a problem for me on the field. I know what's going on and I can also understand some of the team-talks now. I should have done that T.V. interview in German because I knew what the guy was saying. That's

my mistake, though.

"The trouble for Carol and I is that people like to practise their English on us. When Carol goes shopping, they realise she's English and she hardly gets a chance to speak German!

"We're happy here, despite the problems with a couple of newspapers. Cologne is a nice place and despite losing to HSV, we can still win the League. There's ten games to go so a lot can happen. We're in the last eight of the Cup, too, although the Cup here means very little.

"The people at the club have helped me in every way. I've had none of the bother Kevin did in this respect."

Woodcock is happy, despite the odd setback. But while Keegan's feet are in Hamburg, his heart is very much in Southampton.

FC COLOGNE

Schumacher

Prestin Strack Schuster Zimmermann
Neumann Cullmann Okudera
Littbarski Muller Woodcock

Keegan Hrubesch Milewski

Magath Hieronymus Hartwig

Hidien Buljan Jakobs Kaltz

Kargus

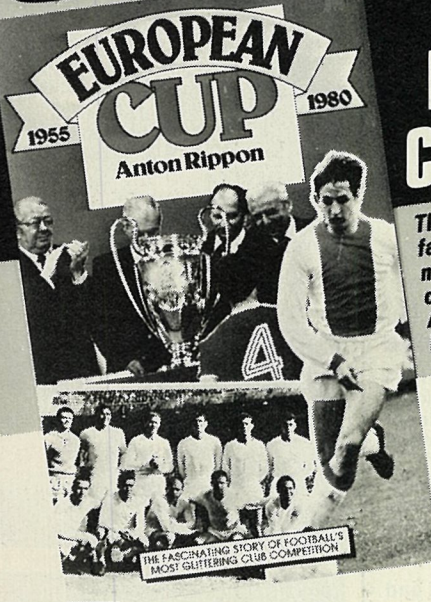
HSV



Kevin and Tony are interviewed by German T.V. after the match.

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PREVIEWS

EUROPEAN CUPS SEMI-FINALS

EUROPEAN CUP



NOTTINGHAM FOREST v AJAX

(Oster Vaxjö, 2-0, 1-1) (JK Helsinki 8-1, 8-1)
(Arges Pitesti, 2-0, 2-1) (Omonia Nicosia 10-0, 0-4)
(Dynamo Berlin, 0-1, 3-1) (Strasbourg 0-0, 4-0)

REAL MADRID v HAMBURGER SV

(Levski Sofia, 1-0, 2-0) (Valur FC, 3-0, 2-1)
(FC Porto, 1-2, 1-0) (Tbilisi 3-1, 3-2)
(Celtic, 0-2, 3-0) (Hajduk Split, 1-0, 2-3)

DARE ANYONE TIP FOREST TO LOSE?

"I'm very happy with the draw. It's the one we wanted. I'm convinced the fans will see two great games. We will not change our style because we are playing English opposition. We'll play our own way and I'm confident we can win."

"This is the club's 80th birthday and what better way to celebrate than by winning the European Cup in Madrid?" Ajax chairman Tone Harmsen speaking minutes after the draw was made in Zurich, and while we don't necessarily go along with his prediction about the outcome, we do agree about the quality of the matches.

This is the most glamorous draw Forest have had so far in the European Cup. Ajax: three times European Champions, pioneers of the total football of the 70's and one of the most famous names in soccer.

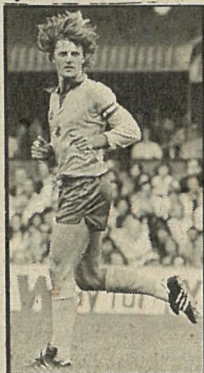
Two things must be made clear. First, Ajax aren't the team they were in the glory days of Johan Cruyff. That team was a one-off and it will be a long time before we see its like again. Secondly, the current Ajax side is a very good one, capable of attacking, sophisticated football and if it falls below the standard set by the side of ten years ago, no one should underestimate the present team.

Having said that, who would be brave enough to bet against Forest after their heroic performance in East Berlin? Even if Ajax win in Nottingham next week, it would be foolish to write off Forest.

The strongest European Cup Semi-Finals for years will provide four close games and at the end of the day, individual genius could decide the outcome.

Neither Forest nor Ajax are short on match-winners. Trevor Francis, Garry Birtles, John Robertson, Ian Bowyer... and we mustn't forget Peter Shilton. All capable of turning a game with a flash of inspiration.

Ajax, led by the one and only Ruud Krol, have two Danish midfielders who posed England a lot of problems in the European Championship qualifiers — Frank Arnesen and Søren Lerby. Throw in wingers La



RUUD KROL

Ling and Tahamata and you have enough goal-power to win just about any tie. Ajax have rattled up 30 goals so far this season in Europe, which will not have gone unnoticed by Clough and Peter Taylor.

Whatever happens between Forest and Ajax, there will almost certainly be one English star in the Final, because Kevin Keegan's Hamburger SV are drawn against Laurie Cunningham's Real Madrid.

The Spanish Champions have the ultimate motivation; that the venue for the Final is their own magnificent Bernabeu Stadium, and it is a simple fact of soccer life that hosts very rarely lose Finals.

Again, it will probably be all down to individuals to produce a magic moment. Keegan, Kaltz, Hrubesch or Reiman for HSV; Cunningham, Juanito or Santillana for Real.

Forest v HSV? Ajax v Real Madrid? The Semi-Finals are so finely balanced that the only prediction we'll make is that the fans will be the winners and the Final, whoever the contestants are, will erase memories of last year's ponderous game in Munich.

This year Flair Rules O.K.?

CUP-WINNERS' CUP



ARSENAL v JUVENTUS

(Fenerbahce, 2-0, 0-0) (Vasas Gyoer, 2-0, 1-2)
(Magdeburg, 2-1, 2-2) (Stara Zagora, 0-1, 3-0)
(Gothenburg, 5-1, 0-0) (NK Rijeka, 0-0, 2-0)

NANTES v VALENCIA

(Cliftonville, 1-0, 7-0) (BK Copenhagen, 2-2, 4-0)
(Steau Bucharest, 3-2, 2-1) (Rangers, 1-1, 3-1)
(Dyn. Moscow, 2-0, 2-3) (Barcelona, 1-0, 4-3)

IRISH BOOST FOR ENGLAND

It might sound a strange thing to say about a team managed by an Irishman and with half its line-up coming from the Emerald Isle... but an Arsenal victory over Juventus would be a marvellous fillip for England as the European Championship approaches.

Juventus still provide the backbone to the Italian national side and despite the Irish connection, this is an Anglo-Italian clash.

Highbury's three Euro ties so far this season haven't been too exciting, but the game against Juventus promises to be an occasion to remember.

Juve have yet to win away in the ECWC this season and their tactics at Highbury will be obvious: to stop Arsenal scoring.

Italian teams have been good at that in the past, but you'd be hard pushed to find a better Cup team than Arsenal anywhere in Europe.

Juventus don't have an impressive record in



David Price scores for Arsenal in their 5-1 defeat of Gothenburg in the ECWC Quarter-Finals.

Europe and they won't find it easy against Cup experts Arsenal to improve on this.

In the other Semi-Final, which will probably provide the eventual beaten Finalists, there is little to choose between Nantes and Valencia. Both teams have been inconsistent in the League and Europe, with poor results at home and exceptional ones away.

Valencia appear to have more goal-power, especially now that Mario Kempes is back to top form and they could find themselves lining up against Arsenal in Brussels next month.

UEFA CUP



BAYERN MUNICH v EINTRACHT FRANKFURT

(Bohemians, 2-0, 2-2) (Aberdeen, 1-1, 1-0)
(AGF Aarhus, 2-1, 3-1) (Dyn. Bucharest, 0-2, 3-0)
(Red Star, 2-0, 3-2) (Feyenoord, 4-1, 1-1)
(Kaiserslautern, 0-1, 4-1) (Zobrov Brno, 4-1, 2-0)

VfB STUTTGART v BORUSSIA

(Torino, 1-0, 2-1) (Stavanger, 3-0, 1-1)
(Dyn. Dresden, 1-1, 0-0) (Inter Milan, 1-1, 3-2)
(Grasshoppers, 2-0, 3-0) (Craiova, 2-0, 0-1)
(Loko. Sofia 3-1, 1-0) (St-Etienne, 4-1, 2-0)

GERMANS MAKE HISTORY

FOR the first time, one country dominates the Semi-Final stages, which says much for the overall strength of the Bundesliga. Strangely, Borussia, who have had the best results, are the only one of the four German teams who aren't doing well in the League.

Their experience over two-leg football is second-to-none and they look set for a second successive Final. Their opponents will most likely be Bayern Munich, Bundesliga leaders and now regaining much of their glory of the early 70's.

FOOTBALL STRIPS

Jersey, Socks, Shorts

	SB	B	Y	C	SM
	£	£	£	£	£
AJAX.....	10.85	11.35	11.95	14.25	14.95
BARCELONA.....	11.95	12.45	12.95	14.95	15.65
FEYENOORD.....	10.85	11.35	11.95	14.25	14.95
METZ.....			15.60	17.25	17.90
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McGARVEY'S LIVERPOOL NIGHTMARE

"IN the first six months I was at Liverpool I spoke to manager Bob Paisley only once and I think that was just to wish him good morning!"

The words belong to Frank McGarvey, the angry young man who never played in a first team game for the English Champions after being bought from St. Mirren nine months ago for £300,000.

He returned to Scottish soccer last month when Celtic paid out £275,000 for his exciting talents, but he couldn't resist launching an attack on Liverpool and their set-up. The months of frustration obviously overwhelmed the 23-year-old and he had some pretty interesting things to say.

"I never saw anything of the so-called 'family spirit' that is supposed to exist at Anfield," says McGarvey. "Even the other players did not accept that I was part of the set-up."

"If I had been lying stretched out on the dressing room floor, the other players would have stepped over me."

"Another year of that and I would have been back playing in junior football in Scotland!"

McGarvey admits his eyes were opened to life at Liverpool and he adds forcibly: "Much nonsense is talked about their invulnerability, but I have learned it is because the others are so mediocre."

"I'm not saying this through bitterness. It is simply a statement of fact."

"People in England claim that their League contains the best teams in Europe, but nothing could be further from the truth!"

McGarvey firmly believed he could be a smash-hit in the English First Division, but although he scored goals in the reserve side he never got closer to a first team place in a competitive game than a seat on the substitutes' bench.

"I thought I would get a chance when David Johnson was injured in the England v Eire match," says McGarvey. "However, I was overlooked again."

Why are Liverpool so highly

rated? McGarvey answers: "It's all to do with money. They are able to commandeer the best players in the country because of their financial resources and because of the reputation and tradition they have built up over the past ten years."

McGarvey couldn't settle in his new surroundings in Formby, just outside Liverpool, and he didn't want to become a forgotten man in the shadow world of the reserves.

People may say he should have been patient, but the player's confidence obviously took such a knock that a prolonged period in the reserves might have put him out of the game altogether.

"It wasn't a complete waste of time at Anfield, though," says McGarvey. "I doubt if St. Mirren would have sold me directly to Celtic so I suppose it helped me to get to Parkhead by going to Liverpool for nine months."

Unpleasant

There is a smile replacing the frown now on McGarvey's face. English soccer was an extremely unpleasant experience as far as he is concerned and there is no way he wants to be labelled a failure. He is still adamant that he could have done a job for the club and in that determined mood to prove Liverpool wrong he could become an even better player at Parkhead.

"When I was with St. Mirren I used to talk about signing for Celtic along with Tony Fitzpatrick," says McGarvey. "It was a dream at the time, but I'm delighted it has come true. Tony, now with Bristol City, will be jealous!"

The nightmare of Liverpool is now pushed firmly in the past. McGarvey prefers to talk about the future with Celtic.

His stay in England was memorable only for his thoughts on Liverpool. His return to Scotland and the Celtic he loves promises to be a lot more exciting!

● Ray Clemence answers Frank's criticisms in this week's column.



McGarvey (left) helps George Burley score for Scotland against Czechoslovakia at Hampden.

EASTER is like the last fence in the Grand National: clear it in the lead and you're virtually certain to pick up the season's most glittering prize.

I can't recall any team in recent years topping the table after the Easter period and failing to take the Championship title. But it's fatal to be complacent in a game where nothing should ever be taken for granted.

I believe we were originally due to play three games in the space of four days, but we managed to get the Stoke fixture moved forward to the previous Tuesday. This has eased the pressure on us.

Too many games in a short period increase the risk of injuries and do not allow time for players to recover.

The League computer could not have stage-managed a more attractive clash than our Saturday match against Manchester United, the team that's been snapping at our heels almost from the very start of the season.

It's almost like a Cup Final.

There won't be a spare inch of space on the terraces at Old Trafford when the two teams run out.



'Like a Cup

At home and in second place in the table with an inferior goal-difference to us, United are under pressure to win, and win by a wide margin of goals.

The game is what we term "a four-pointer". The winning team collects two and also denies the losers two.

We're fortunate in that United's style suits our particular game. They are geared to all-out attack, while we specialise in counter attacking with deadly effect, as our record shows.

Disappointing

This is our second meeting in the League. The first, at Anfield, was disappointing as a spectacle, for United were below par, in the first-half especially, and we won comfortably by 2-0. I cannot recall them posing us any problems.

In fact, teams from lower down the Division have come to Anfield and pushed us much harder.

It's bound to be a different story at Old Trafford where United's players will start fully wound-up like clockwork toys and tear into us right from the kick-off.

On paper, United possess a strong-looking back-four, but as I pointed out in a previous column it needs to be protected by a midfield anchorman, such as Ray Wilkins, to prevent it being overrun as it was by Ipswich Town, who ran riot at Portman Road and knocked in six goals.

United's defenders are fortunate in having young Gary Bailey in goal

behind them. He is one of the most promising 'keepers in the First Division and has also performed outstandingly for England's Under-21 side.

One member of the back-four not only stops goals, he scores them, too: Gordon McQueen, very dangerous at set-pieces where he excels with his powerful, accurate heading. I'll never forget the goal he scored against me from a corner when Scotland beat England 2-1 in 1977 at Wembley.

Our manager won't decide until half-an-hour before the kick-off exactly who will have the task of marking big Gordon. Perhaps he'll ask Alan Hansen to stand on Phil Thompson's shoulders!

United's four midfield men are all capable of getting on the scoresheet. Although Ray Wilkins — he dislikes being called "Butch" — plays mainly in a defensive role he's not afraid to come forward to the edge of the penalty box and try one of his blistering shots.

Sammy McIlroy, who used to function as a striker, is also dangerous when in a shooting position; Mickey Thomas takes some stopping when he's arrowing goalwards with the ball at his feet; and Steve Coppell makes such a speciality of scoring from close-in we call him "Six-Yard Steve" in the England squad.

Up front, Joe Jordan and Lou Macari have forged themselves into a very effective two-man strike force. Their double-act always reminds me of comedians Little and Large. Joe is tremendous in the air,



McQueen (hidden) heads Scotland's first goal against England in 1977.

'Gordon McQueen excels with his heading'

Final'

and has an amazing amount of skill on the ground for a big man.

I know this has surprised his partner, Lou, who recently admitted that in future he'll never judge a player until he's actually played with him.

Lou has a clever football brain. He's like a jack-in-the-box with the ability to pop up where least

expected and, like Kevin Keegan, seems to have springs in his heels that allow him to head balls he's no right to reach.

Lou is a great favourite with the United fans, who through the irresponsible actions of the hooligan minority, are unfairly given a bad name. In my opinion, they rank only a fraction behind those of Liverpool for fervour and sportsmanship.

What particularly impressed me about them is the magnificent manner in which they continued to support the Manchester Reds even when their team slipped down into the Second Division for a season. Old Trafford still had crowds of around 40,000.

There's certain to be a full house for our game on Saturday, which whether it's on BBC TV or not, justifies the billing of "Match of the Day".

As the home team, United will play in red, while we'll be in a change strip of white shirts and

black shorts. We much prefer this combination to our other change strip of yellow, in which we never seem to do well. We wore it last season when United knocked us out of the F.A. Cup by 1-0 in a replay at Goodison Park.

Luckily we'll have two clear days to recover before we play Derby County at Anfield on the Tuesday night.

It'll be a contrast playing a team fighting not for the Championship but to avoid the threat of relegation.

Derby are likely to come in one of two different frames of mind: resigned to their fate and lacking fighting spirit, or with the feeling they've nothing to lose. If they have the latter attitude, as I suspect, we'll have to apply ourselves one hundred per cent to ensure Derby don't get a shock result.

Penalty

At the Baseball Ground we won 2-1, after going a goal down straight from the kick-off. The ball was crossed into our penalty-area and Phil Neal was adjudged to have fouled Roger Davies, who then put his penalty-kick past me. So my first touch of the ball was to pick it out of the back of the net!

Roger was always a thorn in our side during his first stay at the Baseball Ground in the days of Brian Clough and then Dave Mackay. Like our Davey Fairclough now, he often came on as substitute and scored vital goals. It was Roger's goal that ruined our hopes of reaching the F.A. Cup Final in 1976.

As lack of goals is the usual reason for a team finding itself in the relegation zone, the strikers are continually changed in a bid to rectify the situation, so it's not certain whether Roger will be picked against us.

It'll be a pity if Derby should drop down into the Second Division after achieving so much success in the

Seventies, but no team has a divine right to a place amongst the top 22. The examination has to be passed every season.

Before I close my column for this week, I've been asked to comment on the criticisms of Liverpool made by Frank McGarvey, who has returned to Celtic after nine months at Anfield.

He claimed that the much-vaunted "family spirit" at Anfield was a myth.

Without it, the club could not possibly have enjoyed the success it's had over the past 15 years or so.

He also complained that Liverpool first team players are frightened to get hurt because there are so many reserves like Frank waiting to take their place.

That's patently absurd. Players concerned about avoiding injury could not possibly play at the peak that ensures a regular place in our first team.

I can understand Frank being frustrated at not getting a chance to show his paces in the first team, but many of us — including Terry McDermott, Ray Kennedy, David Johnson and myself — have had to wait patiently for a season or more for the opportunity to establish ourselves.

As his outburst in the Sunday national newspaper contradicted what he said a few weeks earlier in a local paper, when he said he wanted to stay at Liverpool, I can only assume it was a heat of the moment reaction.

He must have been feeling very bitter and disillusioned.

We certainly have no hard feelings about him, and we all wish him success with Celtic.

Ray Kennedy

'Derby super-sub Roger Davies ended our F.A. Cup hopes in 1976'



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

1. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top Scottish player ... VDAEI VRPNOA (TCCIEL).

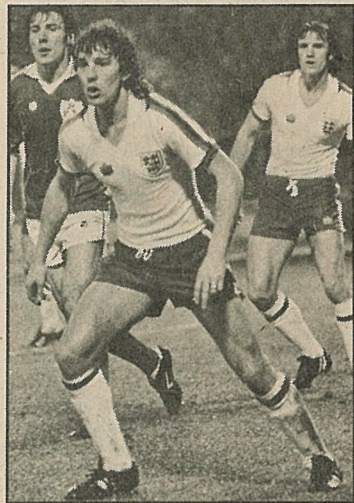
2. Former Charlton Athletic goalkeeper Charlie Wright was sacked recently as manager of which Fourth Division club?

3. Bob Latchford scored his 100th, 150th or 200th League goal for Everton when he was on the mark in a 2-0 win against Stoke City on March 18th at Goodison Park?

4. Which former England international striker was recently appointed player-manager of Southern League Dorchester?

5. West Brom's Peter Barnes scored his first-ever League hat-trick when he scored three against Bolton, Brighton or Crystal Palace in their 4-4 draw at The Hawthorns?

6. Can you name the former international player who was recently appointed full-time manager of Wales?



7. Was Liverpool's Ray Clemence or Peter Shilton of Nottingham Forest selected as goalkeeper in the First Division's All Star line-up at the P.F.A. Awards recently?

8. Russell Osman (Ipswich) and Bryan Robson (West Brom, below left) were included in the full or B squads for England's games against Spain?

9. Watford recorded their first, second or third home League win since December 1st when they beat Wrexham 3-1 at Vicarage Road?

10. Bobby Saxton is manager of which Third Division club?



BRITAIN IN EUROPE

The Quarter-Finals, second-legs of the three major European Cup competitions were played recently. Can you answer the following questions about the ties?

11. Celtic were beaten by Real Madrid after winning the home leg 2-0. Was the aggregate score 3-2, 4-2 or 4-3?

12. Who was the Scottish Champions' goalkeeper?

13. Nottingham Forest continued their progress in the European Cup with a 3-1 away win against Dynamo Berlin. Who scored two of those goals for the reigning Champions?

14. After leading 5-1 from the first-leg at Highbury, how did Arsenal fare in their return game with Gothenburg?

15. Did Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland (left) play in Sweden?

ANSWERS:

No. 1. Davie Provan (Celtic). 2. York City. 3. 100th. 4. Martin Chivers. 5. Bolton. 6. Mike England. 7. Shilton. 8. B side. 9. First. 10. Plymouth Argyle. 11. 3-2. 12. Peter Latchford. 13. Trevor Francis. 14. They drew 0-0. 15.

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HARDEST SHOT IN SOCCER?



**Jimmy
Rimmer's
choice is
David Herd**



Herd (centre) on the attack for United.

JIMMY Rimmer has played against Pelé, Eusebio and Cruyff.

He also has an instant recollection of players, people and matches — from Barcelona to Buenos Aires, from Singapore to Sydney.

Best stadium? Singapore. Best country? United States. But he comes a lot closer to home for the striker with the hardest shot. A former Manchester United teammate, who was so lethal that the club banned him from shooting-in at the senior goalkeepers!

"His power was unbelievable," says Rimmer. "They talk about Peter Lorimer, and quite rightly so, but David Herd was in a different class. He broke Gordon Banks' wrist from 25 yards and did the same to Jim Montgomery."

"In training, he was always knocking the goalkeepers about. I dislocated a finger and Alex Stepney broke a wrist. It's true the ball was a lot heavier then, holding more water than the modern ones, but he got so dangerous that Alex and myself were stopped from facing his shooting practice."

In Jimmy's ratings, no present-day forwards come up to Herd's standard. But he picks out two danger-men. Liverpool's Jimmy Case — "for natural power similar to Lorimer." And Everton's Brian Kidd — "A left-foot specialist who makes the ball move as well."

There is a surprise candidate, too. "Southampton's Malcolm Waldron, a defender, comes up for free-kicks and gives the ball a real belt."

But Rimmer rates foreign players the most consistent marksmen. "They're always on

target and rarely waste a chance," he says.

Rimmer, capped once by England, has a mental note of goal-scorers with special qualities. "Eusebio, at his best, could do everything," he maintains.

"Players with little back-lift cut down the 'keeper's time to react. Ted MacDougall is a toe-poker in the goalmouth. That gives him the surprise element. Denis Law was the best 'nicker'. He was always thinking the 'keeper was going to drop the ball."

'Best Goal'

"The best 'swerver' now is probably Arsenal's Liam Brady, but Graham Rix is good, too, and so was George Best. Yet probably the best goal against myself came from Kaziu Deyna at Manchester City last year. He bent the ball around four men in the wall from the edge of the box and it hit the stanchion ring."

"The worst people for a goal-keeper are the big men in the air. Mike Lyons, Dave Watson and John Wile."

"Of the forwards, Bob Latchford and Stoke's Brendan O'Callaghan can give you trouble and, only recently, I came up against George Reilly, of Cambridge. He proved that big lads are always good in the air."

Rimmer's best save? "Getting in the way," came the prompt answer! "If you need a point to win the League or you're in an F.A. Cup cliffhanger, saves made then are the ones you think of. I would love to save a penalty at Wembley. People would always remember me for making it. And I would!"

WHEN Clive Woods left Ipswich to join Norwich for a £120,000 fee just in time to beat the transfer deadline, he made a move that directly appealed to him.

And he says: Norwich are my favourite club, I was born here and have always supported them. After Ipswich games, win, draw or lose, I asked how The Canaries got on.

"I won't even have to move house, as we live only six miles out of the city."

For Woods, his transfer came near the end of a season which has been the most injury-racked of his career, which started ten years ago with Ipswich.

"The time I've spent on the injury table in 1979-80 makes me appreciate how fortunate I've been in past seasons," says Woods.

"Over the past decade, I haven't received many injuries, yet one mishap has seemed to follow

wich first team against Chester on February 16th. By then, I was approaching peak fitness, though I'll really only achieve this by playing regularly.

"And at Ipswich, I couldn't count on being an automatic choice, as Eric Gates and Alan Brazil were playing well. But I didn't complain, because I felt some satisfaction in knowing I had previously held a regular first team spot through the years."

Woods, who played a key role in the F.A. Cup Final of 1978, when Ipswich defeated Arsenal 1-0, recalls: "Ipswich struggled until 1972, but a year after that finished fourth in the League and in 1975, ended up in third place. Then in 1977, we were once again in the top three, Liverpool and Manchester City finishing ahead of us."

"Later, Town had mixed fortunes, fifth bottom and sixth top in successive seasons, and this term

CLIVE WOODS

another this season. I was out for eight weeks with a strained groin, then when I was recovering, aggravated it by slipping in the bath.

"The original trouble with the groin happened against Manchester United in October, and there was also some damage to my knee ligaments in the match with Brighton, plus a knock on the ankle."

"Later, I turned out for the reserves and eventually for the Ips-

Norwich fanatic

occupied a position at the bottom end of the table in December.

"But a great run of 16 games without defeat up to the middle of March transformed the whole situation for Ipswich, carrying them into fifth place and holding our visions of going into Europe."

'Devastating'

"About the Championship, though, Liverpool are the team who are going to win it. They are a side that believes in never giving the opposition a chance to ease up, and even when they are behind, are devastating in the way they can turn a game to their advantage. But without taking anything away from Liverpool, they have the sort of support, and the cash available, to be continually strengthening their team with top-class players when they feel the need to do so."

"At Ipswich, without big crowds or a lot of money to spend, I thought we did tremendously to compete as we did in the Seventies."

The Ipswich manager, Bobby Robson, is in no doubt about the contribution that Woods made at Portman Road. He recalls: "Clive gave us fantastic service over a long period — though at times I felt like throwing a bucket of water over him after a game. This was when he would ask from his bath how Norwich had got on!"

Now, Woods looks to his future with the club he has always had a soft spot for — and says: "All I ask is freedom from injury, so that I can prove myself at Norwich. I think I've got plenty of football in me yet."





MICKEY THOMAS

didn't think he was good enough for Manchester United

MICKEY Thomas holds his Manchester United team-mates in such awe that at times, he wonders what he's doing on the same field with them.

The self-effacing Thomas says: "There are occasions when the other players make me feel inferior with the things that they can do."

"When I was at Wrexham, I went out every week knowing I was going to be the star player. But here I come well down the list."

"I'm not one of the exciting players who the crowd come to watch. But I'm happy to do my job for the other players. My task is working and running for the others."

Thomas is a self-confessed country boy who has spent his whole life within a few miles of his birth-place near Wrexham.

As soon as training is finished at Old Trafford, he's pointing his Rover down the motorway to his wife, new baby and new house in Rhyl.

"I like the quiet life. I'd rather be working on my garden or walking on the beach with my wife than sitting in some pub."

'Homely'

"The only thing about it is that I don't get to spend much time with the lads socially. But I'm a homely person."

He admits that it was a terrible adjustment when he first arrived at Old Trafford.

"I didn't sleep for three days before I made my debut. I tend to get very nervous before games in any case and that one had me particularly worried."

"I stood behind the goal the day before trying to imagine what the atmosphere would be like. On the day, it was unbelievable."

"When the fans chanted my name I was almost too embarrassed to wave. They've been very good to me though."

United paid £300,000 for Thomas in November, 1978 and he couldn't believe that a club like that wanted him.

"When I'd been playing well and thinking that I might get a transfer, I used to think about clubs that

might want to buy me."

"I thought of United on one occasion and then said to myself 'Don't be silly, you're not good enough for them.'"

"After I'd agreed to sign, Wrexham wanted me to play one more game for them at Leicester. That was a bit nerve-wracking for me because I was worried that I might get injured and the deal would be off."

"But luckily I came through okay, we drew 1-1 — and I finished on a high note by scoring our goal."

United manager Dave Sexton bought Thomas to fill the void left by the departure of Gordon Hill. Sexton tried several men in the left-wing position without success and eventually decided he'd have to buy a replacement.

Yet Thomas doesn't see himself as an orthodox winger. "I'm more of an extra midfield man, really. I don't attack that much — I tend to spend most of my time dropping back to help out."

"Dave Sexton got me working on my crosses when I first arrived and they've improved now."

"It's a different role to the one I had at Wrexham. I used to play central-midfield there and I wouldn't mind going back to that position. But I'm not a very good

passer of a ball."

Thomas used to be so shy that he didn't even like scoring goals because they made him the centre of attention.

He's not as bad as that anymore but he didn't tell any of his team-mates when he got married last year to his long-standing sweetheart.

He explains: "I just don't like all the fuss. The funny thing was that the lads always ribbed me about when I was going to get married."

"They were at it again a few days after the wedding and I turned on them and said 'How do you know I'm not married already?' Anyway, the story got out soon after that."

One of Thomas' favourite past-times when he's at home on Saturday nights is watching his video. He's picked up a lot of tips about his own game by watching himself in matches.

"I can see when I'm not working and running like I should. And my wife is more critical than I am. I don't have to worry about her giving me an honest opinion."

In Thomas's video collection is the 1979 F.A. Cup Final between Manchester United and Arsenal. He likes to watch it because it brings back memories of "one of the best days of my life."

But he doesn't always watch it right to the end. "I often switch it off just before Arsenal's late winner. If I see that, it only reminds me how sick I felt at the time."

Although United have hardly let Liverpool out of their sight at the top of the First Division all season, people keep telling Thomas that there's no comparison between the sides.

Thomas says: "I don't think they're much better than us. If you go through the two teams, man for man, we are as good as them. But they've had a lot more experience playing together."

'Improve'

"We will improve, too, when we have been together longer."

Now that Thomas has overcome his nerves about belonging to such a big club, he finds himself not wanting to ever leave.

"I've already signed an extra year on my contract, which means I've got another four years here at least. I would be happy to stay here for life."

It wouldn't even bother Thomas if he couldn't guarantee a first team place while he is at the club.

His place was in jeopardy recently when he was put out by injury and Ashley Grimes took over and gave a performance that looked like winning him the left wing job for a while.

Says Thomas: "I've been lucky to have been in the first team all the time I've been at United but there is always someone challenging for your place."

"If I had to go in the reserves for a while and fight for my senior spot, I would get my head down and get on with it."

"I'm just happy to be in the same team as players like Sammy McIlroy and Ray Wilkins. They can really play."

Thomas may not have their skill but his unselfish running helps them make their fancy moves.

His team-mates appreciate what he does for them — and slowly, even the critical Old Trafford crowd are beginning to realise his worth, too.



Thomas often switches off his video before Arsenal score their winning goal in last season's F.A. Cup Final.

If Southampton draw Swansea City in the F.A. Cup next season, it is going to produce one of football's most fascinating comparisons: Kevin Keegan v Kevin Keegan's double. The Welsh answer to England's captain is David Giles.

The identical features and professional characteristics are there in the thin face, the stocky frame, the tight curled hair, the deadly acceleration, the lethal short range finishing, the attacking flair... even the same association with John Toshack.

At Liverpool, the Toshack-Keegan partnership prospered richly with a flood of goals: at Swansea, the Toshack-Giles combination is producing the same free scoring, dramatic dividends.

"I reckon that most of the goals I've scored for The Swans have come from those flicks and crosses that John Toshack creates with such marvellous skill and anticipation," says Giles. "The one thing I know for certain is that football has never been so exciting for me. Joining Swansea has launched me into something completely new and challenging."

"At Cardiff, I was always there or thereabouts around opposing goalmouths... but never scoring as I should have done. At Wrexham, I did better but still not what I wanted. Signing for Swansea and playing alongside Tosh has made me into a finisher. That's the great difference in my game."

Plunders

The style in which Giles plunders his goals is uncannily similar to the well known trademarks of Keegan.

A short, muscular figure steals swiftly into a yard of freedom — usually on the blindside of startled defences and almost always from a Toshack flick or pass — to whip the ball into the net with high speed reflexes and punishing power.

There have been suggestions that Giles has modelled his game on Keegan's, even to the extent of the curled hair. "I can deny that bit for a start," he says cheekily. "I've got natural curls — and I think Kevin has a perm!"

Then, with complete seriousness, he stresses: "The rest is just about right. I start off with the same build as Kevin and, surely there could not be a better man in the world for a small player to study!"

"I reckon I have a useful turn of pace, too, and so I've closely watched Kevin. I've found that the things he is good at work for me as well. The manager — John Toshack of course — encourages me in this direction."

"In training, for instance, he will say 'Kevin would have gone in there' or 'Kevin would have held that position and waited for the ball'. So, step by step, I've been adopting the same pattern."

KEVIN KEEGAN'S DOUBLE

"John has impressed on me the amount of shooting that Kevin put in during training sessions at Liverpool. He has worked me into that pattern at Swansea. In five-a-side games, I stay up-front and look for the chance to finish off. In matches at Cardiff and Wrexham, I would be ploughing up and down the pitch from start to finish."

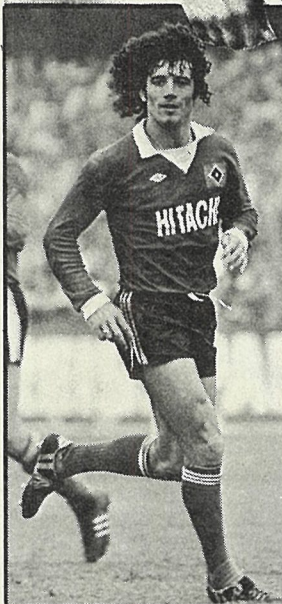
"My 90 minutes on a Saturday has been changed in the same way. Again at Cardiff and Wrexham, I would have covered every inch of the pitch — those were the instructions and that was the way I played. Now I work almost exclusively in the opposing half of the field."

"This means I have the pace to move quickly into scoring positions and the stamina to hold off challenges and get in my shot. In the old days, I usually found myself fading as I made long runs to reach scoring positions."

Although he is only 23, football has provided a switchback life for Giles. At Cardiff, he was the player who promised so much but who disappointingly failed to deliver. At Wrexham, he started brightly but then had a sharp disagreement with manager Arfon Griffiths following a home defeat by Bristol Rovers.

"I was put on the transfer list there and then," he said. "It was

David Giles (right) has modelled himself on the Hamburger SV and England superstar (below).



the best thing, but I was rather relieved when Swansea came for me after just four days. Since arriving at Vetch Field, my game has been changed and so much has fallen into place.

"Frankly, I would have joined Swansea if they had been in the most distant corner of North-East England. They are such an ambi-

ous club that you get swept along and lifted by the atmosphere... the fact that it meant a move back to my native South Wales is an extra bonus."

At £70,000, Giles is looking one of the best buys of the season and now seems certain to be included in the Wales squad for the British Championship in May.

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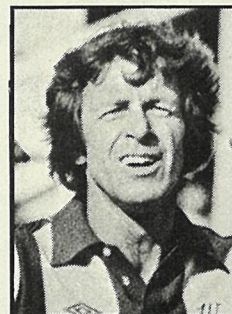
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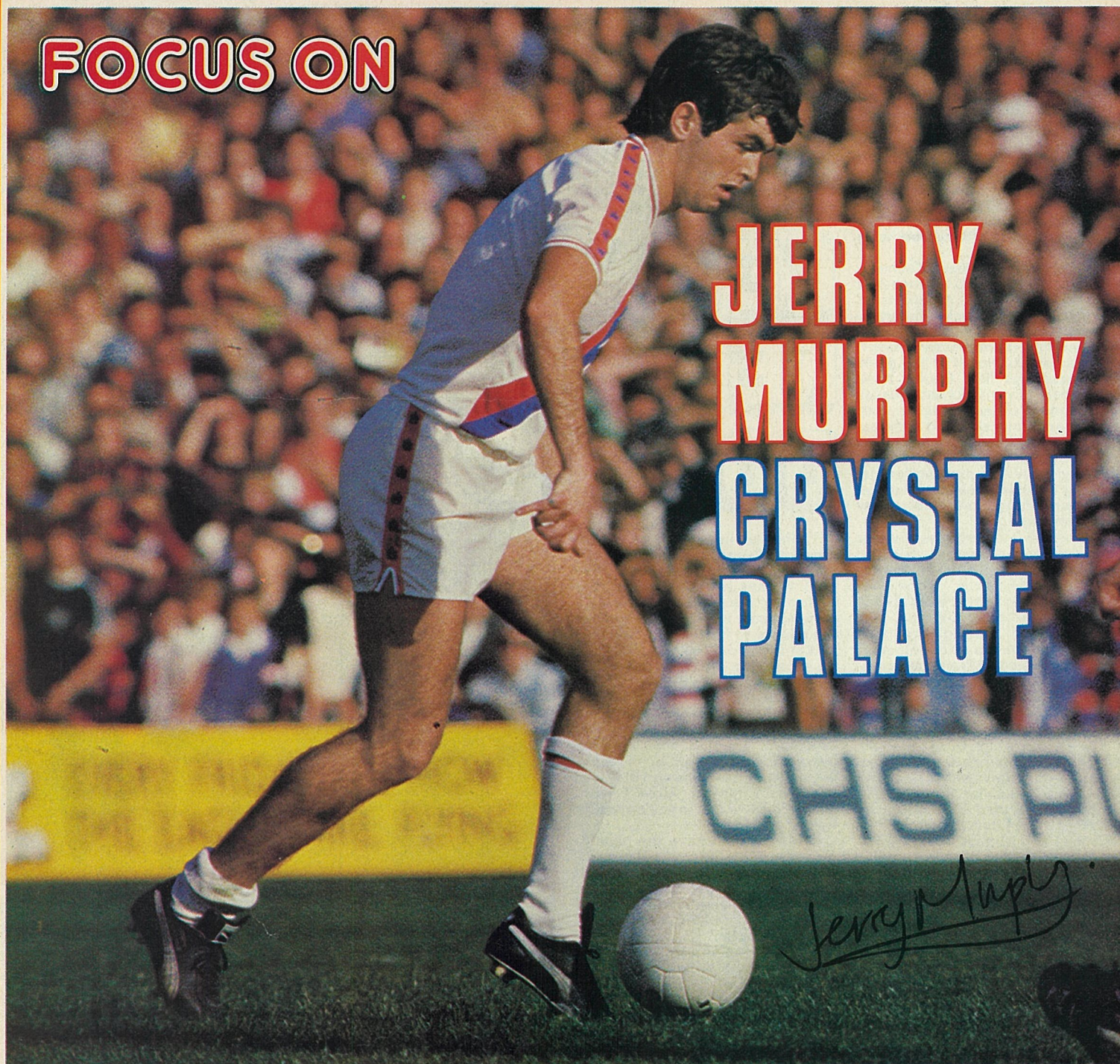
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JERRY MURPHY CRYSTAL PALACE

FULL NAME: Jerry Michael Murphy
BIRTHPLACE: Stepney, London
BIRTHDATE: September 23, 1959
HEIGHT: 5ft 10½ins
WEIGHT: 11st 8lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Alfa Romeo GTV
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mirror
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Ray Kennedy, Liverpool
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Shaun Brooks
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham Hotspur
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The

whole Liverpool team
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Beating Burnley for the Second Division title
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing our place at the top of the First Division this season
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Sunderland
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Dover sole and milk
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Smartly dressed people/ignorant people
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Robert Wagner, Natalie Wood
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Sleeping
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Michael

Jackson, Teddy Pendergrass and Bryan Ferry
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: Nice meal with my girl friend
BEST FRIEND: Tottenham's Paul Miller and my Crystal Palace team-mates
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: John Cartwright and Terry Venables, who place skill first
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy, Eire full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To earn money
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? Film star
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? A millionaire whose favourite player is Jerry Murphy

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